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1. THIS NOTE REFERS TO THE PROBLEM OF YOUR DENIAL IN LINE 22 ON PAGE 2⁷ IN ANSWER TO CHAIRMAN MCCLELLAN'S QUESTION AS TO WHETHER YOU HAD ANY SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WITH EHRLICHMAN AND YOUNG AND HALDEMAN. THE MEMO FOR RECORD OF 18 DECEMBER 1972 BY MEMO COLBY REPORTS ON A MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON 15 DECEMBER 1972 CONSIDERING THE WATERGATE CASE WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY HELMS, COLBY, EHRLICHMAN, AND DEAN. THE FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS TELL OF COLBY'S SUMMARY OF THE DEALINGS WITH THE FBI AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WITH RESPECT TO HOWARD HUNT INCLUDING COLBY'S STATEMENT THAT UNDER PRESSURE FROM SILBERT HE GAVE EHRLICHMAN'S NAME AS THE ONE WHO HAD AUTHORIZED THE SUPPORT TO HUNT. PARAGRAPH THREE READS AS FOLLOWS:

MR. EHRLICHMAN SOUGHT SOME PRECISION ABOUT THE ALLEGED PHONE CALLS IN TERMS OF DATES, ETC. THESE WERE GIVEN TO HIM AS THE FIRST PHONE CALL BEING BEFORE 22 JULY 1971 AND THE TERMINATING PHONE CALL BEING ON 27 AUGUST 1971. MR. EHRLICHMAN SAID HE DID

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NOT REMEMBER THE FIRST ONE AT ALL. MESSRS. HELMS AND COLBY SAID THEY WERE MERELY WORKING ON GENERAL CUSHMAN'S MEMORY THAT THERE HAD BEEN A PHONE CALL REQUESTING SOME FORM OF GENERAL HELP FOR HUNT. MR. ^{HELMS} ~~HEMS~~ POINTED OUT THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN LIKELY TO RESPOND TO HUNT'S REQUEST WITHOUT SOME SUCH ACCREDITATION, AS OUR RULES ABOUT ISSUING FALSE DOCUMENTATION ARE VERY STRICT. MR. DEAN ASKED A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PROCEDURES AND WHETHER WE HAD COVERED THE FALSE DOCUMENTS, TO WHICH THE ANSWER WAS GIVEN THAT WE HAD NOT, ALTHOUGH NORMALLY WE SHOULD HAVE DONE SO. A SHORT SUMMARY WAS GIVEN OF THE TYPE OF ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO MR. HUNT ON 23 JULY AND IN AUGUST AND THE FACT THAT THE DEMAND FOR A BACKSTOPPED TELEPHONE HAD TRIGGERED OUR DECISION TO CUT OFF THE ASSISTANCE. MR. HELMS STATED THAT HE WAS QUITE IGNORANT OF THE SPECIFICS, AS HE BELIEVES HE WAS FIRST BROUGHT INTO IT WHEN HUNT HAD ASKED FOR A SECRETARY TO BE ASSIGNED TO HIM FROM OUR PARIS STATION, AND HE HAD CONCURRED THAT THE ANSWER TO THIS AND FURTHER ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE NEGATIVE. MR. EHRLICHMAN TOOK DOWN THE DATES OF THE TWO ALLEGED PHONE CALLS AND SAID HE WOULD CHECK UP ON HIS SCHEDULE, ETC., TO SEE WHETHER THERE WAS ANY POSSIBILITY. HE SAID THAT HUNT AT THAT TIME WAS NOT WORKING FOR HIM BUT FOR COLSON, AND

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HE HAD NOT JOINED EHRLICHMAN'S STAFF UNTIL LATER. EHRLICHMAN SAID THAT HE THOUGHT HUNT HAD BEEN WORKING ON THE TRACING OF DOCUMENT LEAKS DURING THAT PERIOD. OCIN PARAGRAPH FIVE THE MEMO NOTES THAT "AT MR. EHRLICHMAN'S REQUEST,

COLBY AGREED TO ASK GENERAL CUSHMAN TO PHONE HIM SO THEY COULD DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF THE ALLEGED TELEPHONE CALLS."

2. BASED ON THE FOREGOING, SUGGEST YOU PREPARE SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT TO PRESENT TO CHAIRMAN MCCLELLAN FOR INCLUSION IN THE RECORD OF THAT HEARING. IT SHOULD INDICATE YOU HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN ADVISED THAT YOU DID IN FACT PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING WITH EHRLICHMAN AND DEAN ON 15 DECEMBER 1972. THE DETAILS OF THAT MEETING ARE COVERED IN A MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD BY W.E. COLBY DATED 18 DECEMBER 1972. THAT MEMORANDUM HAS BEEN PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE. E2 IMPDET.

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