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TO: AMBASSADOR HELMS

FROM: JOHN M MAURY.

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THE FOLLOWING IS FOR AMB HELMS' INFO. PLEASE CONVEY TO HIM WHEN FEASIBLE.

1. TEXT OF REF, MINUS FIRST PARA, WAS FORWARDED SYMINGTON AND NEDZI 5 NOVEMBER WITH IDENTICAL COVERING LETTERS FROM COLBY, TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS: QUOTE IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST OF 2 NOVEMBER 1973, AND RECENT INQUIRIES FROM REPRESENTATIVE LUCIEN NEDZI, CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE, HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, I HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH FORMER CIA DIRECTOR RICHARD HELMS REGARDING ALLEGATIONS IN THE PRESS AND ELSEWHERE THAT A PORTION OF HIS MEMORANDUM OF 28 JUNE 1972 TO GENERAL VERNON A. WALTERS ON THE WATERGATE AFFAIR APPEARS TO BE IN SHARP CONFLICT WITH HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND FEDERAL PROSECUTORS ON THIS SUBJECT. I AM FORWARDING HERewith THE TEXT OF WMBASSADOR HELMS' PERSONAL RESPONSE TO YOUR INQUIRY. I AM ALSO SENDING THIS

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RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATIVE NEDZI. IT IS CLEAR FROM TESTIMONY ON THE RECORD THAT IN EVERY INSTANCE WHEN MR. GRAY WAS IN COMMUNICATION WITH MR. HELMS, MR. HELMS STATED THERE WAS NO CIA INVOLVEMENT IN ANY MATTER THAT HE KNEW WAS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY FBI, INCLUDING MEXICAN ACTIVITIES. THIS TESTIMONY INCLUDES: FROM MR. GRAY'S OPENING STATEMENT BEFORE THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES ON 3 AUGUST; QUOTE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1972, AFTER BEING BRIEFED BY MR. CHARLES W. BATES, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, REGARDING THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE WATERGATE CASE AND UNDOUBTEDLY AS A RESULT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED AT THE BRIEFING, I TELEPHONED DIRECTOR HELMS OF THE CIA. I TOLD HIM OF OUR THINKING THAT WE MAY BE POKING INTO A CIA OPERATION AND ASKED IF HE COULD CONFIRM OR DENY THIS. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN MEETING ON THIS EVERY DAY WITH HIS MEN, THAT THEY KNEW THE PEOPLE, THAT THEY COULD NOT FIGURE IT OUT BUT THAT THERE WAS NO CIA INVOLVEMENT. END QUOTE. QUOTE I TELEPHONED (ON 27 JUNE 1972) DIRECTOR HELMS OF THE CIA AND ASKED HIM TO TELL ME SPECIFICALLY IF THE CIA HAD ANY INTEREST IN MR. OGARRIO THAT WOULD PREVENT US FROM INTERVIEWING HIM. . . DIRECTOR HELMS TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CIA HAD ANY INTEREST IN MR. OGARRIO AND

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WOULD CALL ME LATER. . . DIRECTOR HELMS CALLED ME BACK LATER THAT
AFTERNOON, TOLD ME THAT CIA HAD NO INTEREST IN MR. OGARRIO. . . END
QUOTE. THE RECORD ALSO INDICATES THAT MR. GRAY TELEPHONED MR. HELMS
ON 28 JUNE 1972 TO CANCEL THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THAT DATE.
DURING THAT CONVERSATION MR. HELMS CLOSED OUT A PREVIOUS REQUEST
BY THE FBI BY ADVISING THAT ANY INVESTIGATION OF MR. DAHLBERG WOULD
NOT INTERFERE WITH AGENCY OPERATIONS. MR. HELMS ALSO SAID HE WOULD
BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY BUT THAT GENERAL WALTERS WOULD BE AVAILABLE
FOR ANY MEETING NEXT WEEK. MR. GRAY DID NOT SCHEDULE ANY FURTHER
MEETINGS WITH CIA OFFICIALS UNTIL 6 JULY 1972 WHEN HE MET WITH
GENERAL WALTERS. IN THIS CONNECTION MR. GRAY TESTIFIED BEFORE
THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES
QUOTE ON THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1972, I MET WITH GENERAL WALTERS IN MY
OFFICE. I REMEMBER THAT HE DELIVERED TO ME THE WRITING THAT I
REQUESTED AND I REMEMBER THAT IT INDICATED THE CIA HAD NO INTEREST
IN OGARRIO OR DAHLBERG. AFTER READING THE DOCUMENT, I CONCLUDED
THAT THERE WAS NO REASON FOR US TO NOT INTERVIEW MESSRS. OGARRIO AND
DAHLBERG. . . , END QUOTE. IN LIGHT OF THE RECORD AS DEVELOPED
ABOVE, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU MY PERSONAL INTERPRETATION
OF THE MEANING OF THE 28 JUNE 1972 MEMORANDUM BY MR. HELMS. MR.

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HEIMS, MINDFUL THAT THE AGENCY WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE WATERGATE BREAK-IN, WAS ISSUING INSTRUCTIONS, FOR INTERNAL AGENCY GUIDANCE DURING HIS ABSENCE ABERCAD, THAT THE FBI SHOULD NOT LOOK INTO ANY AND ALL AGENCY OPERATIONS WITHOUT SOME SHOWING OF JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH AN INVESTIGATION. MR. HEIMS WAS CONCERNED ABOUT LEAKAGE FROM THE FBI COMPROMISING CIA SENSITIVE INFORMATION PROVIDED THE FBI, WHICH ACTUALLY OCCURRED. I FULLY SUPPORT AMBASSADOR HEIMS' POSITION THAT THERE IS CLEAR EVIDENCE ON THE RECORD THAT THE ACTIONS OF MR. HEIMS AND GENERAL WALTERS, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER 28 JUNE 1972, COMPLETELY REFUTE THE INTERPRETATION THAT THE MEMORANDUM OF THAT DATE CONSTITUTED AN ORDER TO GENERAL WALTERS TO STIFLE THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION OF THE WATERGATE BREAK-IN. IF WE CAN BE OF ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. END QUOTE.

2. SYMINGTON VACILLATED ON WHAT TO RELEASE AND WAS IRRITATED THAT WE GAVE WEDZEL SAME INFO WE GAVE HIM. ON 5 NOVEMBER HE DECIDED NOT TO RELEASE EITHER COLBY'S LETTER OR YOUR RESPONSE BUT INSISTED ON RELEASING TEXT OF 28 JUNE 1972 MEMORANDUM WITH NAMES OF SPACKLEY AND STERNFIELD ~~REMOVED~~ AT OUR REQUEST. HE CHOSE TO IGNORE FACT THAT FEDERAL PROSECUTORS MIGHT OBJECT TO ITS PUBLICATION. SYMINGTON CLAIMED HE WAS UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE FROM PRESS, ALTHOUGH ALL OTHER

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INDICATIONS WERE THAT SUBJECT HAD MOVED OFF FRONT PAGES AND WAS QUIETING DOWN.

3. NEDZI WAS EMINENTLY SENSIBLE ABOUT WHOLE THING AND SAID HE HAD NO PRESSURE TO PUBLISH ANYTHING. HE HAS MAINTAINED TO PRESS THAT HE FELT HIS SUBCOMMITTEE HAD GONE INTO THE MATTER IN MORE DETAYL THAN ANY ONE ELSE, INCLUDING FEDERAL PROSECUTORS, AND SEES NO BASIS FOR LAURENCE STERN'S ALLEGATION.

4. AT COLBY BRIEFING OF SENATE CIA SUBCOMMITTEE ON 6 NOVEMBER ON POSTMORTEM AND CURRENT SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST, SYMINGTON (WHO CHAIRED MEETING) SAID HE WANTED FROM COLBY A MEMORANDUM SETTING FORTH REASONS WHY YOU DID NOT WANT WAGNER AND [] INTERVIEWED AND WHAT WAS MEANT BY PARA TWO OF YOUR 28 JUNE 1972 MEMORANDUM. ALTHOUGH MOST OF THIS WAS IN MATERIAL GIVEN SYMINGTON ON PREVIOUS DAY, COLBY SENT SYMINGTON SUCH A MEMORANDUM ON THE MORNING OF 7 NOVEMBER, TEXT AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE RECENT SPECULATION IN THE PRESS AND ELSEWHERE CONTENDS THAT MR. HELMS' 28 JUNE 1972 MEMORANDUM IS IN CONFLICT WITH HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND FEDERAL PROSECUTORS ON THE WATERGATE AFFAIR. THIS SPECULATION CENTERS AROUND THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THAT MEMORANDUM WHICH STATES IN PART: QUOTE WE STILL ADHERE TO THE REQUEST THAT THEY (THE FBI)

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CONFINE THEMSELVES TO THE PERSONALITIES ALREADY ARRESTED OR DIRECTLY UNDER SUSPICION AND THAT THEY DESIST FROM EXPANDING THIS INVESTIGATION INTO OTHER AREAS WHICH MAY WELL, EVENTUALLY, RUN AFOUL OF OUR OPERATIONS. END QUOTE. THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE MEMORANDUM AND THE ACTIONS OF MR. HELMS, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER IT WAS WRITTEN, ESTABLISH A CONSISTENT RECORD OF COOPERATION WITH FBI INVESTIGATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT: A. ON 22 JUNE 1972 IN RESPONSE TO MR. GRAY'S CONCERN THAT HE MAY BE POKING INTO A CIA OPERATION, MR. HELMS TOLD MR. GRAY THAT THERE WAS NO CIA INVOLVEMENT IN WATERGATE; B. ON 27 JUNE 1972 IN RESPONSE TO THE FBI'S EARLIER REQUEST, MR. HELMS ADVISED MR. GRAY THAT THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION OF MR. OGARRIO WOULD NOT COMPROMISE ANY AGENCY ACTIVITIES; C. ON 28 JUNE 1972 MR. HELMS INFORMED MR. GRAY THAT THE AGENCY HAD NO INTEREST IN MR. DAHLBERG. THE FBI WAS THUS UNDER NO CONSTRAINT AGAINST INVESTIGATING HIM; D. ON 8 JULY 1972 IN A MEETING WITH MR. GRAY, GENERAL WALTERS SAID THAT HE HAD NO BASIS TO TELL HIM TO CEASE FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD COMPROMISE THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES; E. THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION OF THE WATERGATE INCIDENT, THE AGENCY RESPONDED TO NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE FBI.

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(COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED TO THE FBI ARE ON FILE WITH CIA'S FOUR CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEES, THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES, AND THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR.) NONE OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE FBI BY THE AGENCY INDICATED CIA INVOLVEMENT IN THE WATERGATE INCIDENT NOR DID IT INDICATE THAT INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI WOULD COMPROMISE CIA ACTIVITIES. ON 28 JUNE 1972, MR. GRAY CANCELLED A MEETING HE HAD SCHEDULED WITH MR. HELMS FOR THAT DAY. MR. HELMS, WHO WAS ABOUT TO DEPART ON A TRIP OVERSEAS, THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT THIS MEETING MIGHT BE RESCHEDULED DURING HIS ABSENCE WITH HIS NEW DEPUTY, GENERAL WALTERS. ON THE SAME DAY HE WROTE A MEMORANDUM TO GENERAL WALTERS GIVING GUIDANCE FOR SUCH A MEETING. HE WANTED GENERAL WALTERS TO COOPERATE WITH THE FBI SO THAT ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE WATERGATE BREAK-IN COULD GO FORWARD, BUT HE WANTED TO DISCOURAGE A FISHING EXPEDITION INTO CIA OPERATIONS. MR. HELMS WAS CONCERNED ABOUT LEAKAGE IN THE FBI WHICH COULD COMPROMISE SENSITIVE AGENCY OPERATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT: A. THERE HAD BEEN QUERIES FROM THE FBI ABOUT MESSRS. OGARRIO AND DAHLBERG WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION FROM THE FBI AS TO WHAT THESE INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTED; B. DESPITE MR. HELMS' REPEATED DENIALS, MR. GRAY PERSISTED IN

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QUERYING THE AGENCY ABOUT POSSIBLE CIA INVOLVEMENT IN THE WATERGATE INCIDENT; C. ON 22 JUNE 1972, IN CHECKING WITH THE FBI ON THE PROGRESS OF ITS INVESTIGATION OF MR. MCCORD, THE AGENCY WAS ADVISED THAT WORD HAD COME DOWN FROM MR. GRAY THAT THERE WAS NOT TO BE ANY DISSEMINATION OF ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE IN ORAL OR WRITTEN FORM. IN LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, AND PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE ADDITIONAL FACT THAT THERE HAD BEEN RECENT LEAKS OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CIA TO THE FBI, MR. HELMS FELT IT NECESSARY TO GIVE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FOR AGENCY OFFICIALS ACTING DURING HIS FORTHCOMING ABSENCE TO DISCOURAGE FBI INVESTIGATION INTO AGENCY OPERATIONS UNLESS SPECIFIC REASON OR JUSTIFICATION THEREFOR WAS OFFERED. ON 28 JUNE ACTING DIRECTOR GRAY AGREED TO CALL OFF INTERVIEWS WITH AGENCY OFFICERS KARL WAGNER AND [] THE FBI'S INTEREST IN TALKING TO THESE OFFICERS AROSE FROM THE FACT THAT THEIR NAMES HAD BEEN FOUND IN A NOTEBOOK BELONGING TO HOWARD HUNT. THE INTOYIEWS HAD BEEN SCHEDULED BY THE FIELD OFFICE OF THE FBI WHICH HAD BEEN CONDUCTING HE INITIAL INTERVIEWS RELATING TO THE WATERGATE INCIDENT. IT HAD BEEN [] OFFICE THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LEAKS HAD APPARENTLY ORIGINATED. FOR THIS REASON, THE AGENCY DID NOT WANT MESSRS. WAGNER AND [] INTERVIEWED BY []

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THIS OFFICE, BUT IT WAS ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD THAT ANYONE FROM MR. GRAY'S OWN OFFICE WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THEM IF THEIR TESTIMONY WAS NEEDED. MR. WAGNER HAD BEEN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO GENERAL CUSHMAN AND LATER GENERAL WALTERS, AND IN THAT CAPACITY HAS SUBMITTED AN AFFIDAVIT WHICH WAS GIVEN TO THE AGENCY'S FOUR OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES, THE AALCT COMMITTEE AND THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, DETAILING HIS CONTACTS WITH HOWARD HUNT. MR. HUNT'S CONTACT WITH [] AROSE FROM HUNT'S INTEREST IN AN INCIDENT REGARDING FRANCE WITH WHICH [] HAPPENED TO BE FAMILIAR. AS EVENTS TRANSPIRD, HOWEVER, THE INSTRUCTION FROM MR. GRAY TO CANCEL THE INTERVIEWS WAS NOT RECEIVED BY THE FIELD OFFICE UNTIL AFTER [] HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED. THE ESSENTIAL FACTS SET FORTH ABOVE HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY AND THOROUGHLY SUBSTANTIATED IN TESTIMONY AND MERORANDA BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES INVESTIGATING THE WATERGATE INCIDENT. FINALLY, AS YOU MAY RECALL MOST OF THE ESSENTIALS OF THE ABOVE WERE COVERED IN MY CONFIRMATION HEARINGS, THE RECORD OF WHICH HAS SINCE BEEN MADE PUBLIC. END QUOTE.

5. WASHINGTON POST, 8 NOVEMBER, CARRIES ON PAGE TEN STERN'S STORY HEADLINED, QUOTE FBI LEAKS FEARED BY HELMS END QUOTE. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE FEARS THAT SENSITIVE CIA OPERATIONS MIGHT BE

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COMPROMISED BY QUOTE LEAKAGE IN THE FBI END QUOTE LED RICHARD M. HELMS, THE AGENCY'S FORMER DIRECTOR, TO PROPOSE SHARPLY DEFINED LIMITS ON THE WATERGATE INVESTIGATION IN MEXICO. HELMS WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT AN FBI QUOTE FISHING EXPEDITION INTO CIA OPERATIONS END QUOTE WHEN HE LAID DOWN GUIDELINES 11 DAYS AFTER THE WATERGATE BREAK-IN DESIGNED TO CONFINE THE FBI'S INQUIRIES TO QUOTE PERSONALITIES ALREADY ARRESTED OR DIRECTLY UNDER SUSPICION END QUOTE. THIS WAS THE GIST OF FOUR PAGE MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED YESTERDAY BY CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM E. COLBY TO SENATOR STUART SYMINGTON (D., MO.), ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE. COLBY'S MEMO WAS INTENDED TO CLEAR UP WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS QUOTE RECENT SPECULATION IN THE PRESS AND ~~ELSEWHERE~~ *ELSEWHERE* END QUOTE OVER AN APPARENT CONFLICT BETWEEN A JUNE 28, 1972, MEMO FROM HELMS TO HIS DEPUTY, GENERAL VERNON WALTERS, AND TESTIMONY BY HELMS TO FIVE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND FEDERAL WATERGATE PROSECUTORS. THIS CONFLICT WAS FIRST MENTIONED--ALTHOUGH WITHOUT ANY SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO HELMS-- BY FORMER WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR ARCHIBALD COX IN AN APPEARANCE LAST WEEK BEFORE THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. COX SAID HE HAD EVIDENCE THAT A MAJOR WITNESS IN THE WATERGATE INQUIRY HAD SHARPLY CONTRADICTED HIS TESTIMONY IN A MEMORANDUM THAT HAD COME TO THE

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ATTENTION OF THE PROSECUTING STAFF. THE NEWLY SURFACED 1972 MEMO INSTRUCTED WALTERS THAT QUOTE WE (THE CIA) STILL ADHERE TO THE REQUEST THAT THEY (THE FBI) CONFINE THEMSELVES TO THE PERSONALITIES ALREADY ARRESTED OR DIRECTLY UNDER SUSPICION AND THAT THEY DESIST FROM EXPENDING THIS INVESTIGATION INTO OTHER AREAS WHICH MAY WELL, EVENTUALLY, RUN A FOUL OF OUR OPERATIONS, SEND QUOTE. BUT HELMS AND WALTERS HAVE REPEATEDLY TESTIFIED THAT THEY TOLD WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS AND FORMER FBI ACTING DIRECTOR L. PATRICK GRAY III THAT THE WATERGATE INVESTIGATION IN MEXICO WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE ANY CIA ACTIVITIES. COLBY'S MEMO TO SYMINGTON ALLUDED TO A STRONG SENSE OF SUSPICION WITHIN THE CIA OVER THE PROSPECTIVE FBI INVESTIGATION OF THE WATERGATE SCANDAL'S MEXICAN CONNECTION. HE CITED AS ONE INGREDIENT OF THE CIA'S CONCERN GRAY'S PERSISTENCE--DESPITE REPEATED DENIALS BY HELMS--QUOTE IN QUERYING THE AGENCY ABOUT POSSIBLE CIA INVOLVEMENT IN THE WATERGATE INCIDENT. END QUOTE HE ALSO RECALLED THAT THE FBI REFUSED TO INFORM THE CIA ON JUNE 22, 1972, OF THE STATUS OF ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE ACTIVITIES OF JAMES MCCORD, A FORMER CIA EMPLOYEE, WHO WAS ONE OF THE CONVICTED WATERGATE CONSPIRATORS. QUOTE IN LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, AND PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE ADDITIONAL FACT THAT THERE HAD BEEN RECENT LEAKS OF

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SENSITIVE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CIA TO THE FBI, MR. HELMS FELT IT NECESSARY TO GIVE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FOR AGENCY OFFICIALS ACTING DURING HIS FORTHCOMING ABSENCE TO DISCOURAGE FBI INVESTIGATION INTO AGENCY OPERATIONS UNLESS SPECIFIC REASON OR JUSTIFICATION THEREFOR WAS OFFERED, END QUOTE, SAID COLBY. HOWEVER, THE FBI INVESTIGATION THAT WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS SOUGHT TO SHUT OFF WAS NOT DIRECTED AT THE CIA BUT AT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LINK BETWEEN WATERGATE FUNDS AND THE NIXON RE-ELECTION COMMITTEE. WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS, ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT, FIRST RAISED THE PROSPECT THAT THE FBI PURSUIT OF THE WATERGATE FUNDS THROUGH A MEXICO CITY BANK ACCOUNT COULD JEOPARDIZE COVERT CIA OPERATIONS IN TEXAS. HELMS AND WALTERS HAD TESTIFIED THAT THEY REPEATEDLY ASSURED WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS THAT NO AGENCY OPERATIONS WOULD BE SO IMPERILED. THE HELMS MEMO TO WALTERS, HOWEVER, TENDED TO GIVE LEGITIMACY TO THE CONCERN ORIGINALLY EXPRESSED BY THE WHITE HOUSE AND WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON, IN HIS AUGUST 22 STATEMENT, SAID PROVED TO BE UNFOUNDED. COLBY'S MEMO YESTERDAY TO SYMINGTON FAILED TO CLEAR UP WHAT IS STILL A CENTRAL CONTRADICTION IN THE RECORD OF THE CIA'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE WATERGATE COVER-UP. END QUOTE

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SQUEEZED ALL THE MILEAGE POSSIBLE OUT OF THE STORY. BELIEVE SYMINGTON MIGHT BE PREPARED LET MATTER DROP NOW THAT HE SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN HIMSELF OUT OF THE MIDDLE. HOWEVER, PATRICK SLOYAN OF

HEARST NEWS SERVICE CONTINUED TO BADGER THUERMER ON 7 NOVEMBER IN EFFORT TO FIND FEW EXPLOITABLE ANGLE AND CAN NOT PREDICT WHAT, IF ANYTHING, HE WILL COME UP WITH. WARNER PLANS TO REVIEW THIS ENTIRE MATTER WITH THE NEW SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, JAWORSKI, NEXT WEEK WITH THE HOPE THAT THE AGENCY EXPLANATION USED BY SYMINGTON WILL SATISFY JAWORSKI'S NEEDS FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH YOU.

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