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TO: TEHRAN, MADRID.

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TEHRAN (FOR AMBASSADOR HELMS), MADRID (FOR GENERAL WALTERS).

THIS MESSAGE IS TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO YOU MATERIAL FROM TRANSCRIPTS OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT NIXON AND H.R. HALDEMAN OCCURRING ON 23 JUNE 1973.

THE TRANSCRIPTS, RELEASED BY THE PRESIDENT LATE ON 5 AUGUST, WERE PUBLISHED ON 6 AUGUST IN THE WASHINGTON POST, FROM WHICH THESE EXCERPTS WERE TAKEN. THE TRANSCRIPTS, REPORTEDLY, ARE BEING TURNED OVER TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, AND THE TAPES ARE BEING TURNED OVER TO JUDGE SIRICA. THE EXCERPTS IN THIS MESSAGE ARE THOSE PORTIONS OF THE CONVERSATIONS THAT RELATE TO AMBASSADOR HELMS, GENERAL WALTERS AND CIA. WE BELIEVE MATERIAL IS SELF EXPLANATORY, EXCEPT FOR GAPS IN THE CONVERSATIONS, AND WE HAVE MADE NO INTERPRETATIONS.

10184 TO 1139 A.M.

RE NOW ON THE INVESTIGATION, YOU KNOW THE DEMOCRATIC BREAK-IN THING, WE'RE BACK IN THE HOLEMAN AREA BECAUSE THE FBI IS NOT UNDER CONTROL, BECAUSE THEY DON'T EXACTLY KNOW HOW TO CONTROL IT AND THE INVESTIGATION IS NOW LEADING INTO SOME PRODUCTIVE AREAS. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO TRACE THE HONEY--NOT THROUGH THE BANKER, AND, IT'S NOT THAT WE DON'T WANT IT TO GO, WE ALSO WANT TO KNOW WHO'S BEHIND IT. AN APPROXIMATE GUY CAME IN OFF THE STREET AND PHOTOGRAPHER OR HAS A FRIEND WHO IS A PHOTOGRAPHER AND THROUGH THIS GUY BARKER AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE LETTERHEAD AND WE'VE BEEN FILTERING THROUGH THE TAPES AND WE'VE BEEN ANALYZED VERY CAREFULLY. CONSIDER NOW WITH MITCHELL'S ONLY WAY TO SOLVE THIS, AND WE'RE SET UP IN THAT AND THAT--THE ONLY NETWORK THAT LAST NIGHT WAS NBC--THEY DID A MASSIVE

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STORY ON THE CUBAN THING.

P. THAT'S RIGHT.

H. THAT THE WAY TO HANDLE THIS NOW IS FOR US TO HAVE WALTERS CALL PAT GRAY AND JUST SAY, "STAY TO HELL OUT OF THIS--THIS IS AN BUSINESS HERE WE DON'T WANT YOU TO GO ANY FURTHER ON IT." THAT'S NOT AN UNUSUAL DEVELOPMENT, AND AH, THAT WOULD TAKE CARE OF IT.

P. WHAT ABOUT PAT GRAY--YOU MEAN PAT GRAY DOESN'T WANT TO?

H. PAT DOES WANT TO. HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO, AND HE DOESN'T HAVE, HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY BASIS FOR DOING IT. GIVEN THIS, HE WILL THEN HAVE THE BASIS. HE'LL CALL MARK FELT IN, AND THE TWO OF THEM--AND MARK FELT WANTS TO COOPERATE BECAUSE HE'S AMBITIOUS--

P. YEAH.

H. HE'LL CALL HIM IN AND SAY, "WE'VE GOT THE SIGNAL FROM ACROSS THE RIVER TO PUT THE HOLD ON THIS." AND THAT WILL FIT RATHER WELL BECAUSE THE FBI AGENTS WHO ARE WORKING THE CASE, AT THIS POINT, FELT THAT'S WHAT IT IS.

P. THIS IS CLAY THEY'VE TRACED THE MONEY? WHO'D THEY TRACE IT TO?

H. WELL THEY'VE TRACED IT TO A NAME, BUT THEY HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO THE GUY YET.

P. WOULD IT BE SOMEBODY HERE?

H. KEN DAHLBERG.

P. WHO'S THE GUY IS KEN DAHLBERG?

H. HE LIVES IN MINNEAPOLIS AND, AH, THE CHECK WENT DIRECTLY TO THIS GUY.

P. IS HE FROM THE COMMITTEE THROUGH, FROM STANS?

H. YES, HE IS. HE'S CURRENTLY TRACABLE AND THERE'S SOME MORE NAMES THAT WOULD GO TO THE MEXICAN NAME WHICH CAN BE TRACED TO THE MEXICAN SIDE--THEY'LL GET THEIR NAMES TODAY.

P. I'M JUST THINKING IF THEY WERE APPROACHED BY THE FBI, WOULD THEY SAY YES TO THE DEAL TOO, THAT THEY'LL COOPERATE? BUT THEY'VE BEEN RELYING ON MORE AND MORE ON THE FBI TO HANDLE THE PROBLEM AND THEY'LL STOP IF WE COULD GET THEM TO STOP.

H. YES.

P. SO YOU WOULD THINK THE THING TO DO IS GET THEM TO STOP?

H. YES.

P. THEY SAY THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT IS FROM WHITE HOUSE INSTRUCTION.

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AND IT'S GOT TO BE TO HELMS AND TO--AH, WHAT'S HIS NAME.....? WALTERS.

P. WALTERS.
H. AND THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE THAT EHRLICHMAN AND I CALL THEM IN, AND SAY, AH--

P. ALL RIGHT, FINE. HOW DO YOU CALL HIM IN--I MEAN YOU JUST --WELL, WE PROTECTED HELMS FROM ONE HELL OF A LOT OF THINGS.

H. THAT'S WHAT EHRLICHMAN SAYS.

P. OF COURSE, THIS HUNT, THAT WILL UNCOVER A LOT OF THINGS. YOU OP--

H. THAT SCAB THERE'S A HELL OF A LOT OF THINGS AND WE JUST FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DETRIMENTAL TO HAVE THIS THING GO ANY FURTHER. THIS INVOLVES THESE CUBANS, HUNT, AND A LOT OF HANKY-PANKY THAT WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH OURSELVES. WELL WHAT THE HELL, DID MITCHELL KNOW ABOUT THIS?

H. I THINK SO. I DON'T THINK HE KNEW THE DETAILS, BUT I THINK HE KNEW.

P. HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW IT WAS GOING TO BE HANDLED THOUGH--WITH BARLBERG AND THE TEXANS AND SO FORTH? WELL WHO WAS THE ASSHOLE THAT DID? IS IT LIBBY? IS THAT THE FELLOW? HE MUST BE A LITTLE NUTS!

H. HE IS.

P. I MEAN HE JUST ISN'T WELL SCREWED ON IS HE? IS THAT THE PROBLEM?

H. NO, BUT HE WAS UNDER PRESSURE, APPARENTLY, TO GET MORE INFORMATION, AND AS HE GOT MORE PRESSURE, HE PUSHED THE PEOPLE HARDER TO MOVE FASTER--

P. PRESSURE FROM MITCHELL?

H. APPARENTLY.

P. OR MITCHELL. MITCHELL WAS AT THE POINT (UNINTELLIGIBLE).

H. YES.

P. ALL RIGHT, FINE. I UNDERSTAND IT ALL. WE WON'T SECOND-GUESS HIM, AND YOU SAY, THANK GOD IT WASN'T COLSON.

H. THE FBI INTERVIEWED COLSON YESTERDAY. THEY DETERMINED THAT COLSON IS A GOOD GUY TO GO TO HAVE HIM TAKE AN INTERROGATION, BUT IN HIS OWN MIND--ALL THE GUYS WORKING THE CASE CONCLUDED THAT THERE WERE ONE OR TWO POSSIBILITIES--ONE, THAT THIS WAS A WHITE HOUSE--DON'T THINK THAT THERE IS ANYTHING AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE--THEY THINK IT WAS EITHER A WHITE HOUSE OPERATION OR THEY HAD SOME OTHER REASONS FOR IT--NON-POLITICAL, OR IT WAS A SURVEIL AND THE CIA. AND AFTER THEIR INTERROGATION OF COLSON YESTERDAY, THEY CONCLUDED IT WAS NOT THE WHITE HOUSE, BUT ARE NOW

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CONVINCED IT IS A CIA THING, SO THE CIA TURNOFF WOULD--

P. WELL, NOT SURE OF THEIR ANALYSIS, I'M NOT GOING TO GET THAT INVOLVED. I'M (UNINTELLIGIBLE).

H. NO, SIR, WE DON'T WANT YOU TO.

P. YOU CALL THEM IN.

H. GOOD DEAL.

P. PLAY IT TOUGH. THAT'S THE WAY THEY PLAY IT AND THAT'S THE WAY WE ARE GOING TO PLAY IT.

H. O.K.

P. WHEN YOU GET IN---WHEN YOU GET IN (UNINTELLIGIBLE) PEOPLE, SAY

"LOOK THE PROBLEM IS THAT THIS WILL OPEN THE WHOLE, THE WHOLE BAY OF PIGS THING, AND THE PRESIDENT JUST FEELS THAT AH, WITHOUT GOING INTO THE DETAILS--DON'T, DON'T LIE TO THEM TO THE EXTENT TO SAY THERE IS NO INVOLVEMENT, BUT JUST SAY THIS AS A COMEDY OF ERRORS, WITHOUT GETTING INTO IT, THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES THAT IT IS GOING TO OPEN THE WHOLE BAY OF PIGS THING UP AGAIN. AND, AH, BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE ARE PLUGGING FOR (UNINTELLIGIBLE) AND THAT THEY SHOULD CALL THE FBI IN AND (UNINTELLIGIBLE) DON'T GO ANY FURTHER INTO THIS CASE PERIOD! (INAUDIBLE) OUR CASE--

H. GET MORE DONE FOR OUR CAUSE BY THE OPPOSITION THAN BY US.

P. WELL, CAN YOU GET IT DONE?

H. I THINK SO.

1:04 -- 1:13 P.M.

P. O.K., JUST POSTPONE (SCRATCHING NOISES) (UNINTELLIGIBLE) JUST SAY (UNINTELLIGIBLE) YES. BAD TO HAVE THIS FELLOW HUNT, "AH," HE KNOWS TOO MUCH. IF HE WAS INVOLVED--YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT? IT IS NOT OUT THAT THIS IS ALL INVOLVED, THE WHOLE THING IT WOULD BE A FIASCO. IT WOULD SAY THE CIA LOOK BAD. IT'S GOING TO MAKE THE WHOLE BAY OF PIGS THING BE INVESTIGATED--GIVE FOR CIA, AND FOR THE COUNTRY, AND FOR AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. JUST TELL HIM TO LAY OFF, DON'T YOU?

H. YEP, THAT'S THE BASIS TO DO IT OR, JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT.

P. I DON'T KNOW IF HE'LL GET ANY IDEAS FOR DOING IT BECAUSE OUR CURRENT POLITICAL (UNINTELLIGIBLE), BELMS IS NOT ONE TO (UNINTELLIGIBLE)--I WOULD JUST SAY, LOOKIT, BECAUSE OF THE HUNT INVOLVEMENT, WHOLE COVER BASICALLY THIS

H. YEP, GOOD MOVE.

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H. NO PROBLEM.
P. (UNINTELLIGIBLE)
H. WELL, IT WAS KIND OF INTEREST. WALTERS MADE THE THE POINT AND

I DIDN'T MENTION HUNT, I JUST SAID THAT THAT THE THING WAS LEADONG INTO DIRECTIONS THAT WERE GOING TO CREATE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS BCGAUSE THEY WERRE EXPLORONG LEGDS THAT LED BACK INTO AREAS THAT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THE CIA AND HARMFUL TO THE GOVERNMENT (UNINTELLIGIBLE) DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO (UNINTELLIGIBLE).

H. (UNINTELLIGIBLE) I THINK HELMS DID TO (UNINTELLIGIBLE) SAID, I'VE HAD NO-

P. GOD (UNINTELLIGIBLE).
H. GRAY CALLED AND SAID, YESTERDAY, AND SAID THAT HE THOUGHT--
P. WHO DID? GRAY?

H. GRAY CALLED HELMS AND SAID I THINK WE'VE RUN RIGHT INTO THE MIDDLE OF A CIA COVERT OPERATION.

P. GRAY SAID THAT?

H. YEAH, AND (UNINTELLIGIBLE) SAID NOTHING WE'VE DONE AT THIS POINT AND AH (UNINTELLIGIBLE) SAY WELL IT SURE LOOKS TO ME LIKE IT IS (UNINTELLIGIBLE) AND AH, THAT WAS THE END OF THAT CONVERSATION (UNINTELLIGIBLE) THE PROBLEM IS IT TRACKS BACK TO THE BEY OF FIVE AND HE TRACKS BACK TO SOME OTHER THE LEADS RUN OUT TO PEOPLE WHO HAS NO INTEREST IN THIS, EXCEPT BY CONTRACTS AND CONNECTIONS, BUT IS ONE TO ASK THAT ONE LIABLE TO BE RAISED? THE WHOLE PROBLEM (UNINTELLIGIBLE) HUNT, SO AT THAT POINT HE KIND OF

HE FIGURE, HE SAID, HE SAID WE'LL BE BEST COPY TO BE HELD (UNINTELLIGIBLE) UNDER ANYTHING YOU WANT. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE REASON FOR BEING HELD, AND I MADE IT CLEAR TO HIM HE WASN'T GOING TO GET EXPLICIT (UNINTELLIGIBLE) ANSWERS, AND HE SAID FINE. AND WALTERS (UNINTELLIGIBLE), WALTERS IS GOING TO CALL GRAY, THAT'S THE WAY HE PUT IT AND THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS.

P. HOW DOES THAT WORK THOUGH, HOW THEY'VE GOT TO (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

SOMEBODY FROM THE MIAMI BANK.
H. (UNINTELLIGIBLE), THE POINT JOHN MAKES--THE BUREAU IS WORRIED ON THIS BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE UNCOVERING (UNINTELLIGIBLE) CONTINUE TO PURSUE IT, THEY DON'T NEED TO BECAUSE THEY ALREADY HAVE THEIR CASE AS FAR AS THE CHARGES AGAINST THESE MEN (UNINTELLIGIBLE) AND AH, AS THEY PURSUE (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

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EXACTLY, BUT WE DIDN'T IN ANY WAY SAY WE (UNINTELLIGIBLE). ONE THING HELMS DID RAKSE. HE SAID, GRAY--HE ASKED GRAY WHAT THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD RUN INTO A CIA THING AND GRAY SAID BECAUSE OF THE CHARACTERS INVOLVED AND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED, A LOT OF DOUGH. (UNINTELLIGIBLE) AND AH, UNINTELLIGIBLE).

P. (UNINTELLIGIBLE).

H. WELL, I THINK THEY WILL.

P. IF IT RUNS (UNINTELLIGIBLE) WHAT THE HELL WHO KNOWS (UNINTELLIGIBLE) CONTRIBUTES CIA.

H. YA, IT'S MONEY CIA GETS MONEY (UNINTELLIGIBLE) I M AN THEIR MONEY MOVES IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS, TOO.

H. (UNINTELLIGIBLE).

H. THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BRIEF HIM.

P. YES SIR, BRIEF HIM (UNINTELLIGIBLE). WE DON'T (UNINTELLIGIBLE).

H. OH NO. TELL HIM WHAT WE WANT HIM TO KNOW. I DON'T THINK YOU OUGHT TO BRIEF HIM.

P. HEY OH, HELL NO!

H. (UNINTELLIGIBLE) YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN IF JOHNSON CALLED YOU IN-

P. JOHNSON WAS OUT OF OFFICE.

H. THAT'S THE POINT HE WAS

P. JOHNSON'S ASSISTANT DID NOT BRIEF KENNEDY.

H. ARE YOU SAYING I'M PROPERLY (UNINTELLIGIBLE) BECAUSE YOU'RE

P. (UNINTELLIGIBLE) THAT'S THE POINT ST. JOHNSON DID, COURSE

FROM

P. (UNINTELLIGIBLE) THAT'S THE POINT

H. (UNINTELLIGIBLE) THAT'S THE POINT

P. (UNINTELLIGIBLE) THAT'S THE POINT (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

H. I DON'T THINK WE OUGHT TO LET JOHNSON'S ASSISTANT--I'D JUST HAVE

HELMS (UNINTELLIGIBLE) (UNINTELLIGIBLE) AS

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