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SUBJECT:

H. R. HALDEMAN

FRED MALEK *FMM*

Progress Report on Leaks -
Month of December

This progress report on our leaks project is divided into four sections:
(a) Summary of December Cases; (b) Institutional Progress in Controlling
Leaks; (c) Overall Assessment of the Leaks Project; and (d) Next Steps
To Be Taken.

DECEMBER CASES

In late November and in December, 23 apparent violators were identified
and tracked (the cases are summarized in Tab A). Six of these were found
not to be violations, five were not traceable, and five are still in the early
stages of processing. The remaining December leaks were relatively
serious violations, and are described individually below.

(1) Jack Anderson Columns. In his columns of December 14, 16, 20 and 21,
Jack Anderson reported leaked information on a Kissinger meeting, a
letter from King Hussein to the President, and a conversation between the
Soviet Ambassador to India and Indian officials. These most serious
national security leaks were tracked by David Young. As you know, the
leakor was identified, appropriate action has been taken, and the President
has been briefed by the Attorney General and John Erhlichman. However,
we can expect columns to continue to appear based on information already
leaked.

(2) HEW Memorandum. A "secret" memorandum from HEW Assistant
Secretary Cardwell to Secretary Richardson was put into the hands of
Representative Paul Rogers, Chairman of the House Health Subcommittee.

This was particularly embarrassing since the memorandum recommended that some information be withheld from Congress - - a recommendation that the Secretary apparently followed. Investigation revealed that the memorandum carried no "confidential" marking, and thus had been distributed to over 50 offices within HEW. While tracing the leaker was therefore impossible, Cardwell has been reprimanded for his carelessness, and HEW procedures on copy control will be tightened.

(3) Ghetto Pollution Report. Excerpts from a confidential EPA report, critical of the Administration's efforts on reducing ghetto pollution, were published by Jack Anderson. Again, inadequate control of copies will make specific tracing difficult, but we do have some leads that are being followed up with Ruckelshaus. EPA has been involved in several leaks in the last three months, and at a minimum, we are ensuring that EPA's control of sensitive information improves.

(4) Labor Relations/Phase Two. A Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor, John Shinn, was quoted as making comments apparently critical of Phase Two. These comments have been brought to the attention of both Secretary Hodgson and Frank Zarb, who is coordinating the leaks program at Labor. If Shinn was quoted correctly, he will be disciplined appropriately. (He is a career employee.)

INSTITUTIONAL PROGRESS

Institutional progress in the past month has included departmental action plans, the Agency-Head meeting, and the White House leaks program.

(1) Departmental Action Plans. Action plans for controlling leaks have been received from most of the Departments, have been reviewed, and we plan follow-up discussions next month.

(2) Agency-Head Meeting. During the Agency-Head meeting on December 22, I discussed the leaks program, emphasizing its importance, and suggesting that each agency should initiate an action plan similar to those being prepared by the departments.

(3) White House Leaks. I have informed Zeigler and Dean of the approach to curtailing the White House leaks suggested in my December 15 memorandum to you. Also, I have sent you a talking paper for use in re-emphasizing the White House press contact policy at an appropriate staff meeting.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

We have now been closely monitoring leaks for three months, and although it is still too soon to make a final judgement, I feel the project has shown mixed results.

A few leakors have been tracked and disciplined, but even more important for the long run, our program has increased the level of awareness of the leaks problem in the departments and agencies. As a result, procedures for information control are being tightened, and carelessness is being corrected, rather than overlooked. Moreover, the departments are beginning to track leaks on their own. In particular, Labor is about to fire a leakor that they identified.

However, in spite of this progress we have not yet seen any meaningful abatement in either the number or the seriousness of leaks. As we move into 1972, I am hopeful that our actions will cut back substantially on both the number and the severity of leaks.

NEXT STEPS

During the next month, we will continue to pursue individual cases, with special attention given to identifying a White House leak appropriate for thorough investigation. Also, we will ensure that all department action plans are up to standard and begin to review these plans with the department contacts.

Finally, on the matter of reports, I really feel the semi-monthly frequency is accomplishing little. I would therefore like to revert to the monthly basis with important developments reported during the month, as they occur.

Approve *H* Disapprove _____

*But keep at it —
this is worthwhile*

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Tab A



IMPROPER DISCLOSURE CASES - DECEMBER

<u>Case</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Result</u>
Acquisition of Everglades	Nov. 21	EPA	Fairbanks	Speculation - not a leak
Cook Statement	Nov. 27	WH	Cook	Misquote - not a violation
Mansfield Amendment	Nov. 30	WH	Korologos	Misquote - not a leak
Great Lakes Clean Up	Nov. 30	EPA	Fairbanks	Unable to trace
Butz Defeat Hopes	Nov. 30	WH	Korologos	Unable to trace
Cabinet Split	Dec. 1	WH	None	Not a leak
Secret Memorandum	Dec. 9	HEW	Moore	Improper handling of sensitive information. Violator reprimanded.
Pakistan Bargaining Power	Dec. 9	State	Macomber	Unable to track
Crime Statistics	Dec. 10	Justice	Santarelli	Not a leak - uncontrollable disclosure of consultant's report
National Sales Tax	Dec. 10	OMB	Perry	Not a leak - misinformation
Anderson Columns (Kissinger Meeting, Hussein, Indian Conversations)	Dec. 14, 16, 20, 21	WH, DOD, State	Young	Violator tracked and dealt with
Ghetto Pollution Report	Dec. 20	EPA	Fairbanks/ Carroll	Tracking in progress

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Appropriates Disbursement Cases - December, cont.

<u>Case</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Result</u>
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Top Offici. V .w Ph T	D		N;	U; bl to
POW W	W	WH		In pr
C	De	WH		In
Hoff R	De	WH/J. ti		In
FDA B Hope	De 23	HEW		In
EPA BW Hop	De	EPA		In