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1. PER PARA 4 REF ANDREW ST. GEORGE ARTICLE NOVEMBER HARPER'S NOW RECEIVING INTENSIVE ATTENTION SYMINGTON AS RESULT PRODDING BY BAKER. FOLLOWING AWCE CONCLUDING PARAGRAPHS OF ARTICLE WHICH ARE PRIMARY SUBJECT OF ATTENTION: "ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 17, 1972, THE WATCH OFFICER AT CIA HEADQUARTERS IN LANGLEY, VIRGINIA, WOKE DIRECTOR HELMS A LITTLE AFTER SEVEN TO TELL HIM ABOUT THE ARREST OF 'THE WHITE HOUSE CREW,' FOR THAT WAS HOW THE INTELLIGENCE PROFESSIONALS HAD COME TO THINK OF THE AGENTS HIRED BY JOHN MITCHELL AND JOHN EHRLICHMAN AND THE OTHER NIXON AIDES. BOTH THE CIA AND THE FBI HAD LONG KNOWN, OF COURSE, ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF THE HUNT-LIDDY TEAM. THE CIA HAD INFILTRATED IT WITH A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT, JUST AS IF HUNT AND LIDDY HAD BEEN FOREIGN DIPLOMATS, AND THE INFORMANT, AN OLD COMPANY OPERATIVE NAMED EUGENIO MARTINEZ, CODE-NAMED 'ROLANDO', WHO HAD REPORTED IN ADVANCE ON THE WATERGATE PROZVT, WAS IN FACT AT THAT MOMENT HIMSELF UNDER ARREST FOR HIS

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PART IN THE BREAK-IN. PARAGRAPH. 'AH, WELL,' HELMS SAID, 'THEY FINALLY DID IT.' HE CHATTED FOR A FEW MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG WATCH OFFICER, WHO SAID IT WAS 'A PITY ABOUT MCCORD AND SOME OF THOSE GUYS.' 'WELL, YES,' HELMS SAID, 'A PITY ABOUT THE PRESIDENT, TOO, YOU KNOW. THEY REALLY BLEW IT. THE SAD THING IS, WE ALL THINK THAT'S THE END OF IT,' AND IT MAY BE JUST THE BEGINNING OF SOMETHING WORSE. IF THE WHITE HOUSE TRIES TO RING ME THROUGH CENTRAL, DON'T SWITCH IT OUT HERE, JUST TELL THEM YOU REPORTED MCCORD'S ARREST ALREADY, AND I WAS VERY SURPRISED.'

2. FYI, CI FILES REVEAL ST. GEORGE (AKA ANDRAS RUDOLPH SZENTGYORGYI) NATIVE HUNGARIAN, ONE TIME EMPLOYEE AMERICAN MILITARY MISSION BUDAPEST, BY OWN ADMISSION RECRUITED BY RIS 1945, DOUBLED BY SSU 1946 AND POSSIBLY TRIPLED THEREAFTER BY RIS, BONA FIDES LONG SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY BETWEEN SSU/CIA ON ONE HAND AND ON OTHER BY CIC WHO SOUGHT VINDICATE HIM. MORE RECENTLY FREE LANCE JOURNALIST AND ADVENTURER DABBING IN INTELLIGENCE MATTERS AND INVOLVED IN 'HAITI' INVASION EXERCISE (NOVEMBER 1966) WHICH IN FACT APPARENTLY CBS PUBLICITY STUNT WHICH YOU MAY REMEMBER.

3. IN PRESENT PHASE SYMINGTON MUCH CONCERNED TO PROTECT YOUR

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NAME PERSONALLY AND THAT OF AGTFY AGAINST ST. GEORGE ALLEGATIONS AND BAKER'S SUSPICIONS. WOOLSEY WORKING CLOSELY WITH US PREPARING DETAILED MATERIAL TO REFUTE ABOVE QUOTED ALLEGATIONS AND POINTS ST. GEORGE EXPECTED TO MAKE IN EXECUTIVE APPEARANCE BEFORE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER.

4. BASIC TO ST. GEORGE THESIS IS ALLEGATION THAT YOU, AND AGENCY, HAD ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF EXISTENCE AND TRUE CLANDESTINE MISSION OF WHITE HOUSE "PLUMBERS" AND, PERHAPS DETAILED PLANS FOR WATERGATE BREAK IN. (INCIDENTALLY, THIS SOMEWHAT IN LINE WITH 11 MAY 1973 CARL ROWAN ARTICLE QUOTING YOU AS SAYING TO ROWAN, AT A SOCIAL FUNCTION AT THE MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS THAT "CYNTHIA AND I HAD BEEN UP LATE AND HAD JUST FALLEN ASLEEP WHEN THEY TELEPHONED ME TO TELL ME THAT THESE FELLOWS HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN THE WATERGATE--" AND SPECULATING CIA INVOLVED.

5. AFTERNOON 14 NOVEMBER, SYMINGTON, WOOLSEY, ET AL QUERIED ST. GEORGE INFORMALLY WHO INSISTED ABOVE QUOTED FINAL PARAGRAPH OF HIS ARTICLE WAS OBTAINED FROM A FORMER AGENCY EMPLOYEE KNOWN PERSONALLY TO YOU, AND SOMEHOW STILL CONNECTED WITH THE AGENCY, WHO IN TURN HAD GOTTEN IT DIRECTLY FROM THE AGENCY WATCH OFFICER

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ON DUTY AT THE TIME. WOOLSEY FEELS THIS IS KEY ALLEGATION TO WHOLE ST. GEORGE CASE, AND IS PRESSING ST. GEORGE TO NAME SOURCE IN QUESTION WHICH ST. GEORGE REFUSES TO DO CLAIMING OBLIGATION TO PUBLISHER NOT TO REVEAL MATERIAL FROM FORTHCOMING BOOK WITHOUT PUBLISHERS OKAY.

6. AGAINST THGGS BACKGROUND, WE HAVE REVIEWED ALL HEADQUARTERS RECORDS, LOGS, YOUR EARLIER TESTIMONY, ETC., FROM WHICH IT APPEARS THAT YOU FIRST LEARNED OF FACT OF WATERGATE BREAK IN FROM PRESS OR RADIO MORNING 17 JUNE AND OF INVOLVEMENT OF FORMER AGENCY PERSONNEL FROM HOWARD OSBORN PHONE CALL 2154 HOURS 17 JUNE. WHILE REALIZING DIFFICULTY OF "PROVING NEGATIVE," WOOLSEY SEEKING FIRMEST POSSIBLE ASSURANCE THAT ROWAN THESIS AND ST. GEORGE ALLEGATIONS PARTICULARLY RE YOUR ALLEGED NOTIFICATION, AND REACTION THERETO, BY CIA WATCH OFFICER MORNING OF JUNE AS DESCRIBED BY ST. GEORGE IN ABOVE QUOTED PASSAGE HAVE NO BASIS IN FACT.

7. FYI, SO YOU WON'T GET CAUGHT ON THE BLIND SIDE, YOU MAY WANT TO BE REMINDED THE TELEPHONE OPERATOR LOG SHOWS FOLLOWING OSBORN'S 2154 HOURS CALL TO YOU ON 17 JUNE, YOU CALLED WHITE HOUSE AT 2201 HOURS AND THEY CALLED BACK AT 2213 HOURS.

8. PLEASE CABLE PRIORITY YOUR RECOLLECTIONS EITHER FLATLY

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REFUTING ABOVE OR POINTING OUT ANY SOFT SPOTS OR AMBIGUITY WE
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