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Mr. Colby:

Attached are the domestic organizations participated in by "agents" of the CHAOS program. Eloise Page has given me ~~axixix~~ ~~axixix~~ brief case histories of 13 such agents: 5 were recruited by us and asked to join the organizations in question; 3 volunteered ~~their services~~ their services while already members of the groups; and 5 were FBI agents turned over to us before an anticipated trip abroad. According to Eloise, "while building their leftist legends, these assets were asked to record the organizations, groups, and individuals with whom they came into contact. They did this in order to document and record their progress in building their legends and to be able to cite these U.S. contacts to foreign contacts to prove their leftist connections and leanings. They were never directed or required to collect information on particular leftists or activists as an end to itself".

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SUBJECT : CIA Contact with Dissident, Radical and/or
Leftist Elements in the United States

1. In certain selected cases, CIA recruited assets in the United States for eventual use overseas. In order to enhance the access of these assets to foreign radical and leftist organizations,

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2. The following cases are illustrative:

a. A 19-year-old female who was already volunteering information to her local police department on the Students for Democratic Society (SDS) elements in the local university volunteered her services to CIA. While initially not used, some nine months after she originally volunteered she was subsequently recruited and trained for an overseas assignment in Latin America where she was directed to report on leftist radical units in her country of assignment. While undergoing her training, she maintained contact with the local SDS unit and through them was subsequently able to establish contact with other SDS units and individuals throughout the country.

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b. A foreign-born individual [redacted] came to the United States and became a U.S. citizen. He settled on the west coast and became involved with the black dissident movement there and specifically with the Black Panther organization. He [redacted] contact with the Agency, was hired, retrained and sent on trips overseas to Algeria and Paris to report on Black Panther activities in these two countries.

c. A husband and wife team who are U.S. citizens were recruited by the Agency and asked to establish contacts with the

Womens Liberation Movement
The Young Socialist Alliance

in preparation for subsequent overseas assignment to Latin America where they were used to report on local leftist and U.S. radical elements resident in that overseas country.

d. A 20-year-old American female [redacted] returned to the United States for training. While undergoing training and in preparation for assignment to a Far East country, she established contact with the following groups and organizations:

The Young Socialist Alliance
The Student Mobilization Committee
The Pro-Mao Study Group of the U.S. -China
Friendship Association
Attica Brigade

These contacts took place during the period September 1971 through June 1972 when she departed on her overseas assignment.

e. A second young American female was recruited in the United States in preparation for assignment to a second Far East country. While undergoing training in the United States, from the period November 1969 through January 1970, she established contact with the following groups:

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Radical Action Union
Independent Campus Women
Students for a Democratic Society
The Young Socialist Alliance

f. A young foreign student [redacted]

[redacted] came to the United States in mid-1973 to enter a U.S. university to acquire a masters degree. He was recruited for use when he returned overseas and, during the period he was resident in the United States, he established contact with the following organizations:

The American-Korean Friendship and Information Center
The Young Socialist Alliance
The Revolutionary Union
The U.S. -China Friendship Society
Asian Americans for Action
Kalayaan International

and other similar groups.

g. A former applicant for Agency employment in the late 1960's whose application had been rejected at that time subsequently in mid-1970 recontacted the Agency and volunteered his services. At that time, he was closely associated with a radical newspaper in the Washington, D.C. area, The Quicksilver Times, and other organizations, such as

The May Day Committee
The Anti-War Union
Students for a Democratic Society units in the Washington area.

He was subsequently recruited and trained for a mission overseas where he reported on the contacts of U.S. citizens with North Vietnamese and with PRG delegates in Paris and provided some limited reporting on the Black Panther Party plans and intentions as well.

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3. In addition to the above, the FBI made available to CIA for use abroad certain of its assets. At the time these assets were made available for foreign use by CIA, they had already established to some degree "new left", extremist or radical credentials as a result of their service to and use by the FBI. The following examples are illustrative:

a. A husband and wife team active in the

May Day Committee
 Progressive Labor Party
 Students for a Democratic Society
 The Movement for Democratic Society
 The Red Collective
 The Anti-War Union

were made available to the Agency in 1971 when they were selected to accompany a group from the Progressive Labor Party for a tour of the Peoples Republic of China. The Agency briefed them prior to departure, debriefed them on their return and subsequently returned them to FBI control.

b. A university student who had volunteered his services to the FBI which had used him to report on the activities of the SDS decided to go overseas to accept a university position. While overseas he was used by the Agency to report on such organizations as

The Paris-America Committee to Stop the War
 The Stockholm Conference

and also various deserter groups. From his position overseas, he obtained certain information on the domestic and international activities of the following groups:

The Institute of Policy Studies
 The Vietnam Veterans Against the War
 The Liberation News Service
 The Communist Party of the United States.

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c. The FBI turned over for subsequent use in Spain an informant who had been reporting on the Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP). While in Spain, this asset was targeted against PSP members resident in Spain and also on activities of the Cuban Intelligence Service.

d. In September 1972, the FBI offered to the Agency an informant who had been reporting on

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War
The Student Mobilization Committee

and the "new left" in general. This informant had decided to go overseas to do some free-lance writing and was subsequently used by the Agency to report on the Arab radical community in the country to which he was assigned.

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