

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Investigation of Painting for CIA Headquarters Building

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1. On 17 March 1965 a GSA/R&I contract #4490 was awarded to the Charles Bainbridge, Inc., 111 Chapel Drive, Annandale, Virginia, in the amount of \$159,510 with a 200 calendar day completion specified. The contractor's workmen first entered the building on the night of 28 June 1965 and completed about 21 December 1965. [redacted] SA&FB/OL, was assigned as the Agency representative to monitor this contract. His duties were to provide support, supply laborers and escort while the painters were in the building, and to be responsible for blueprints and colors of paint on the doors.

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2. On 9 February 1967 at 1400 hours, Mr. Howard T. Holmes, Office of Compliance, Region III, General Services Administration, came to SA&FB and met with [redacted] Also, with permission from Chief/LSD, [redacted] was invited. Mr. Holmes indicated that the investigation was motivated because of certain alleged charges made by a few painters who had worked under this contract.

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3. [redacted] explained that the Agency's interest in the project was to obtain an above-standard paint job for the entire building, both inside and outside, and to have the work performed in the least possible time with the least interruption to Agency operations. Our Agency representatives indicated those areas or surfaces which were not satisfactory to us; however, final acceptance of the work and authorization for payment to the contractor were the responsibilities of and carried out by the PBS inspector. This Agency worked with PBS on the selected paint samples, endurance test, and finally in choosing the type and texture of the paint to be applied.

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4. Also brought out in the meeting was that after the paint was selected and before the contractor began (a period of approximately nine months) that the PBS Paint Shop continued painting rooms in the new colors and that it was not necessary for these rooms to be painted again by the contractor. It would therefore seem logical that the contractor should have allowed credit for these areas and that the contract price was adjusted downward accordingly.

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