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8. [ ] At his request, met with Mr. John Martiny, Chief Counsel, House Post Office and Civil Service, together with Mr. David W. Bowers, Inspector, FBI, Mr. Anthony Mondello, General Counsel, Civil Service Commission, and Miss Marcia MacNaughton, Constitutional Rights Subcommittee staff, Senate Committee on the Judiciary. Mr. Martiny outlined briefly the request to him from Representative Udall (D., Ariz.) for staff assistance in drafting a proposed amendment to the Committee bill on invasion of privacy of Federal employees for introduction in the full Committee hearing. Mr. Martiny appeared to discard completely a conversational suggestion that had been made during the Subcommittee meeting this morning that the "exempt agency employees" might file complaints with the board established under the bill. Discussion centered on possible amendment to the bill to require annual reporting to the Committee of cases of a similar nature processed within the intelligence community framework. Mr. Martiny indicated he would be back in touch with the individual participants in the meeting at a later date.

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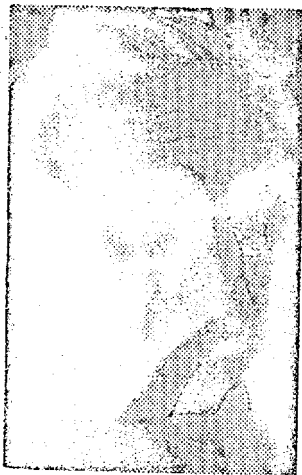
9. [ ] Met with Mr. Marvin Leibstone, Staff Assistant to Representative William Randall (D., Mo.), in response to his call and reviewed with him a staff paper that was being prepared for Representative Randall concerning possible introduction of legislation by Representative Randall relating to release of intelligence information to the Congress. The paper is a rational attempt to set out guidelines for controlling the release of sensitive information and indicated in part that no action should be taken without prior consultation with Agency representatives. I pointed out to Mr. Leibstone that a bill almost foursquare with the stated objectives was introduced earlier this year by Representative Charles Gubser (R., Calif.). I also suggested other areas of review that might be of interest. Mr. Leibstone was most appreciative and said he would call if any further assistance is desired by Representative Randall.

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10. [ ] Left with Richard Perle, on the staff of the Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, the FBIS translation of a portion of Castro's speech in which he referred to hijacking of U.S. planes to Cuba.

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SEN. ABRAHAM RIBICOFF  
... seeking answers



SEN. EDMUND MUSKIE  
... incredulous

# Defense, Justice Officials Pleading Ignorance on Top Asians' Drug Role

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WASHINGTON — The Defense Department has told two incredulous senators that no one at the Pentagon knows enough about the international drug traffic to testify on how and from where narcotics get into South Vietnam.

And the Justice Department, contradicting a statement Atty. Gen. John Mitchell made two months ago, said it has no evidence linking "any high official in the Southeast Asian countries with the narcotics traffic there."

Sen. Abraham A. Ribicoff (D-Conn.) speaking for himself and Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine) in a Senate speech prepared for today says that if this is the case, the White House had better find out what the Defense and Justice departments are doing in the narcotics field.

Mitchell told Muskie, during a hearing July 7, that "there has been involvement by government officials in some of these countries" in narcotics traffic, and our government had "identified some of them." But the attorney general said he did not want to testify about the subject in an open hearing and would do so in an executive session.

Since then, Ribicoff, who is chairman of the Government Operations subcommittee that held the hearing, and Muskie have been trying to get Mitchell to make good on his promise, and bring along the secretaries of State and Defense and the director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

It took more than two months to get an answer. On Sept. 13, Deputy Atty. Gen. Richard G. Kleindienst wrote

Ribicoff that the delay had been caused by "our efforts to canvass the various sources of information to determine what pertinent facts are available."

"Allegations of complicity on the part of some public officials," Kleindienst went on, "have come to our attention.

At the same time, however, we do not have any specific evidence which links any high official in the Southeast Asian countries with the narcotics traffic there. Thus, we do not feel that it would be appropriate to testify. Further, even a closed session on the subject could fan unfounded rumors and cause possible international repercussions."

The Defense Department had turned down the invitation earlier, Ribicoff and Muskie revealed yesterday. In a letter July 23, an assistant replied for Secretary Melvin Laird: "This is to advise you that there are no personnel in the Department of Defense qualified to testify in regard to the problem of international drug traffic and we will, therefore, be unable to provide a witness as you have requested."

Ribicoff and Muskie are chairmen of two subcommittees of the Senate Government Operations Committee which have been studying proposals to consolidate the campaign against narcotics in a White House Office of Drug Control.

The administration wants such an office to have nothing to do with law enforcement policy and the international drug traffic, feeling that the Justice Department and Defense Department and other agencies can handle those aspects better.

The two senators said in a joint statement that drugs are one of the major problems facing the armed forces in Southeast Asia, yet the Pentagon apparently has nobody who can tell the committee where the drugs come from and how they get into Vietnam.

"This is certainly the kind of situation that a White House office should be able to look into," their statement says.

The attorney general had told the committee that there was evidence that Southeast Asian government officials were involved in the narcotics trade, and then Deputy Atty. Gen. Kleindienst said it had not, the two senators noted.

If that is true, they said, "The attorney general should explain his earlier statements to our subcommittee and the public."