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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with David Martin of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee Staff on 26 July 1972

1. The morning of 26 July I had a session of about two hours with David Martin, member of the staff of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. This was a follow-on to the session [redacted] and I had with Martin on 20 July. At that earlier meeting Martin had suggested that we have another session. [redacted] was not able to go on 26 July. [redacted] of OLC accompanied me on 26 July.

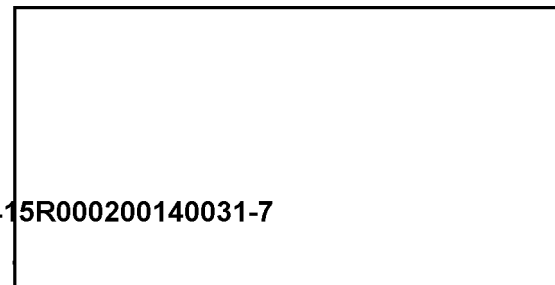
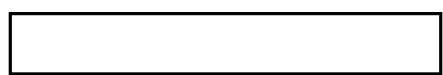
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a. At the 26 July session, I passed to Martin a copy of a classified Special Report on Communist China and drugs (Weekly Summary Special Report, "China and International Narcotics Control," 23 July 1972, No. 0375/72A, SECRET, copy 1035). This was given to Martin with a reiteration of the ground rules on his being lent classified documents. I had this report with me on 20 July when Martin was given a number of other classified memoranda (see my M/R of 25 July), but did not pass it at that time because we did not discuss the question of China at that earlier meeting.

2. The session with Martin covered a large number of subjects, largely in connection with the Martin-Walt-Gillies trip. Some subjects came up more than once during the session. With regard to Southeast Asia, Martin was interested in the role of Chinese in the narcotics business and the role of Communists in the business community. He said that on their trip they had been told in Hong Kong that the British never search Mainland China ships or cargo; he said that General Walt will not criticize the British on this. The situation in Macao, Martin said, is similar to that in Hong Kong.

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3. A question came up about a document referred to in the press (Washington Post editorial on 26 July; earlier referred to in the New York Times); I explained what the document was (the 21 February 1972 "Flott Report" of the three-man task force).

4. I gathered from Martin that the Martin-Walt-Gillies team had not on their trip looked into the question of possible transportation of narcotics on Air America plans. Martin indicated he was now thinking of sending off a cable, through Walt's office, to ask Air America in the field for a statement with regard to recent allegations. [ ] provided Martin the name of an Air America official to get in touch with.

5. With regard to Chinese Communist involvement or non-involvement in illicit narcotics trafficking, Martin indicated that he certainly did not accept the 10,000-ton figure used by some, but his remarks suggested that he was not so convinced as regards lower figures. He said the British in Hong Kong had made it clear that they are not looking for Chinese Communist opiates, and he said that Hong Kong is a major potential outlet. "We have no way of knowing" the facts here because "no systematic effort" is being made to find out--"for political reasons."

6. Martin asked whether countries which have seized narcotics materials send samples of these materials to the UN in Geneva, and, if so, what kind of results are available from these as to the places of origin. I said I would see if we had information on this.

7. There was some discussion of users/addicts/experimenters in this country and the statistics on same. I suggested that Martin discuss some aspects of this when he talks with SAODAP.

8. Martin said that one of the members of their team had found that drugs were available "across the bar" on Okinawa, and he said that drugs were freely available in Hong Kong. He said there were perhaps 50 to 100 bars in Hong Kong frequented by servicemen, including British servicemen. He said he did not think it too much to ask the British to do more policing of the bars in Hong Kong, to make some arrests.

9. Martin said he thought that by and large Walt's view will be a balanced one. Walt will not say that it is all Communist narcotics, and he will not use the 10,000-ton

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figure. Martin said that some elements of the far right have gone too far on this. Basically, Martin said, it is a police problem, and basically a criminal problem, but he posed the question as to whether there is a Communist influence, not just Chinese, along the line. He said there has been some evidence that "Castro-Cubans" have been involved in narcotics smuggling from Latin America. I noted the reported involvement of some Cuban exiles. Martin said he understood that CIA has someone putting together all information available regarding "Castro Cuba" and trafficking in cocaine (and other drugs). I said that I did not know of such a paper being prepared, but that I would ask. (I am passing the query on this to DDP/NARCOG).

a. In this connection Martin referred to Charles Siragusa's *The Trail of the Poppy* (Prentice Hall, 1966) Chapter 13, "Cocaine, Castro and Cuba."

b. Martin also said that a BNDD man visiting Mexico City when Martin and the others were there referred to a number of cases involving "Castro Cubans."

c. Martin also said that some persons arrested have given testimony indicating fairly sizable trafficking--the drugs being sold and the proceeds being fed back as arms to guerrillas.

10. Martin indicated interest in the T I R Convention and the use of T I R vehicles for narcotic smuggling. I gave him some realistic background on this. He was interested in seeing a copy of the T I R Convention. I have since talked with State's Walter Weiss, who has agreed to send Martin a copy of the convention. I have informed Martin (telephone: 225-8249) that Weiss will send him a copy.

11. Martin visited INTERPOL Headquarters in France, and we discussed INTERPOL. On questions about the US participation and the possibility of larger US funding to INTERPOL, I suggested that Martin talk with Kenneth Giannoules, head of the US INTERPOL office here. As I promised I would, I have since called Martin and given him Giannoules' telephone number and official address.

12. Martin said that they had been told by a Customs man somewhere on their trip between Hong Kong and Laos that it was his understanding that after an attempt had been made to search a Chinese ship in Naples, Chinese ships have been "immune" to search in Western Europe. Did we know anything about this? (I will pass this query to OER.)

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13. Martin said they had also been told in Hong Kong that the Chinese Communists operate a number of ships out of Hong Kong, that is, vessels of shipping companies registered in Hong Kong. He asked whether we could provide a list of Hong Kong-registered shipping companies known or believed to be under Chinese Communist control, and a list of the ships of these companies. (I will pass this query to OER.)

14. With regard to what the Martin-Walt-Gillies team learned in Mexico, Martin indicated one thing was that there is a BNDD-Customs "war" there. --On the question of the official Mexican attitude, he said that conceivably the most important thing will be a case, which may be submitted to the Mexican president, involving a "very important" Mexican. If the Mexican president acts on that case, the attitude in the country will change. -- Martin said a BNDD man in Mexico had said something about being handicapped in operations because he did not have ready money for his operations, and he said this had been confirmed [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Martin said he had mentioned this matter to Krogh. -- Martin also said that they were told that Mexican customs men, if they see some contraband, get a cut of the sale price of that contraband, except that in the case of narcotics, there is no reward for the customs men. The implication was that something might be done about this.

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