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TOM McCLAIN



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*March*

February 25, 1976

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Lieutenant General Vernon Walters  
Deputy Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Walters:

Please forgive my delay in formally letting you know how much your visit to Houston was appreciated. Although my flashfires are not as global and significant as yours, they required my attention nonetheless.

I am one man who sincerely thanks you on behalf on our group. Never before has a speaker generated so much interest, radiated so much confidence and, unfortunately, been so castigated by press coverage.

The enclosed article appeared in one of our local papers. I trust you believe me when I tell you extreme dissatisfaction was expressed by me to both newspapers for the manner in which your speech was reported. Here-with too, I hope you will let me know if you are to speak in Houston again. I promise I will personally do what I can to see that you receive accurate coverage.

Again, thanking you very much, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Tom McClain

TM:kme

Encl.

MORI/CDF Pages 1-4, 34, 36-38

Houston Chronicle

6 January 1976

## Probe Could Damage CIA, Agency Official Says Here

The deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) said here today that recent congressional investigations of the agency were "like rummaging through the garbage of history" and have the potential of damaging the nation's intelligence operations.

The deputy director, Vernon A. Walters, however, said the CIA "will live with" the investigations because the United States requires that its intelligence arm be responsible to elected representatives.



WALTERS

Walters said congressional investigators are charging us "with things that happened in the 1950s and 1960s."

Walters spoke at a meeting of the Executive Breakfast Club, a group of young businessmen, at Stouffers Hotel.

Walters refused to answer questions from reporters.

He conceded that the CIA had been involved in the planning of assassinations and experiments with drugs and poisonous toxins.

He noted, however, that the investigations showed no evidence that any planned assassinations were carried out.

There have been "some kooks and nuts" in the CIA and overzeal and misjudgments by agents of the CIA since the agency was organized 27 years ago, Walters said.

"But they've been very few and far between," he said.

14 January 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Contacts with the Press

Listed below is a summary of contacts with the press reported by Agency personnel for 13 January.

<u>Media Representative</u>	<u>Agency Contact</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Jim Walls <i>Fairfax Globe</i>	[REDACTED]	Asked how to get documents <sup>STAT</sup> re CIA training of police. Advised him.
Claude Mathieu <i>Liberation</i> Paris	Mr. Thuermer	Re our statement on <i>Liberation</i> .
Jim Wieghart <i>NY Daily News</i>	Mr. Thuermer	DCI will accept invite to Gridiron Club.
David Martin AP	Mr. Thuermer	Re Stern story; we said we in compliance with Katzenbach rules.
Jim Hogan <i>Harper's</i>	Mr. Thuermer	Asked for info on documents from CIA. Will write IPS.
Dick Valeriani NBC	[REDACTED] OA/DCI	His office said he unable <sup>STAT</sup> to make briefing.
Oswald Johnston <i>Los Angeles Times</i>	[REDACTED]	Wants chronology of briefings <sup>STAT</sup> Agency has given to committees re [REDACTED] Don't <sup>STAT</sup> think it can be done but <sup>STAT</sup> we'll try. <sup>STAT</sup>
Tom Tiede Scripps-Howard	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Si Lieberman Asbury Park (N.J.) Press	[REDACTED]	We're ready to accept <sup>STAT</sup> reader questions for DCI for paper's "press conference" column.

W

Garry Clifford  
*People*



Asked again whether DCI <sup>STAT</sup>  
has applied for admission  
to D.C. bar. Supplied  
answer.

Jim McCartney  
*Knight Newspapers*

Briefing on military  
strength of Soviet Union  
set for 15 Jan.

James D. Brown  
*Free lance*

Wants facts involved in  
Helms story. Declined.

John Reynolds  
*BBC*

Wants interview with DCI.  
Suggested he wait until  
DCI leaves office.

Jack Kole  
*Milwaukee Journal*

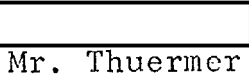
Asked how he can obtain  
docs on Agency cooperation  
with police. Advised him.

Diane Camper  
*Newsweek*

Gene Wilson  
IPS

Re impact of FOIA on  
Agency.

Dana Schmidt  
*Christian Sci. Mon.*



Mr. Thuermer

Re Paris disclosure story. <sup>STAT</sup>  
Read them Agency statement.

Guy Clavel  
*AFP*

Bill Lowther  
*London Daily Mail*

Brian Bain  
*Reuters*

Steve Harvey  
*Independent Radio (London)*

Jean Boulain  
*French Radio, Paris*

Nick Daniloff  
*UPI*

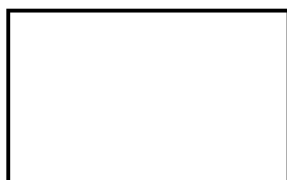
David Kraslow  
*Cox*



OA/DCI

Asked about *Where's What.* <sup>STAT</sup>  
Helped out.

Doug Fever  
*Washington Post*



Asked how to address FOIA <sup>STAT</sup>  
request. Advised.

Jack Taylor  
*Daily Oklahoman*

Invites DDCI to do 2,000  
word article for paper's  
Sunday magazine, *Orbit.*

Judith Neale  
*Fawcett Publishers*

Mr. Thuermer



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Peter Hackis  
NBC

Mr. Thuermer

Read statement on  
Paris disclosures.

Walter Pincus  
*Washington Post*

Mr. Thuermer

Re news organizations  
asking us not to use  
their men.

George Gedda  
AP

Mr. Thuermer

Wants rundown on [redacted]  
activity.

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Sol Sanders  
RIA

Mr. Thuermer

Will lunch on Friday.

Ed Offley  
*Virginia Gazette*

Mr. Thuermer

Why things excised from  
*Star* FOIA release. Said  
in conformation with law.

Joe Volz  
*NY Daily News*

[redacted]

Asked for police assistance  
docs. Will let him know  
when we have copy.

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Sylvia Cordy  
"AM Washington"

Mr. Thuermer

[redacted]

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Paul Duke  
NPACT

Mr. Thuermer

Asked DCI to background  
lunch Monday next.

Richard Homan  
*Washington Post*

[redacted]

Says *Los Angeles Times*  
story saying Agee  
responsible for arrest  
of Polish people last year  
who worked for U.S. and  
French services will be in  
paper tomorrow. Asks  
comment.

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Larry Stern  
*Washington Post*

[redacted]

Re "what would be the  
right thing to do in intel  
reorganization".

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Sam Jameson  
*Los Angeles Times*

[redacted]

Briefed on Japan.

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Nick Horrock  
*New York Times*

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On background re [redacted]

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Angus MacLean Thuermer  
Assistant to the Director

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## The Self-Destruct Scheme

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Vernon A. Walters

# Official Defends CIA Angolan Recruiting Denied

By DON SHOCKEY  
Of The Journal Staff

The deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency Tuesday denied direct recruiting of American mercenaries to fight in Angola.

But Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters skirted questions on indirect CIA assistance in hiring paid soldiers for the African civil war.

There had been unconfirmed reports of indirect CIA assistance for the U.S.-supported faction in the bloody fighting.

After speaking to an overflow crowd at the Downtown Rotary Club, Walters flatly ruled out any direct CIA hiring of mercenaries.

Walters also said the CIA has been subjected to a

"barrage of slander and innuendo unprecedented in the nation's history."

He blamed some controversial CIA actions, recently brought to light, on a handful of "kooks and over-zealous."

The 35-year-military veteran said he resented the attempt to portray the actions of a few "as typical of the entire organization."

Walters also answered for about 400 Rotarians and guests charges of CIA assassination attempts, massive wiretaps and use of "mind-bending drugs" and deadly toxins.

"The investigations found that no one had been assassinated," he said.

"In the past 27 years there have been 32 CIA

wiretaps, an average of 1 1/2 taps a year," he said.

Walters, who has served for 3 1/2 years as deputy director, termed the death attributed to a CIA experiment with hallucinogen drugs as "unfortunate." "Many distinguished colleges and universities at that time were also conducting research into mind bending drugs," he said.

The blunt-spoken deputy director said the CIA became concerned about possible uses of drugs on Americans by the Soviet Union and wanted to learn more about the drugs.

Walters went on to explain that research with deadly shellfish toxins was conducted for similar reasons, then shelved. "We're the ones who

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## The Oklahoma Journal

The Paper  
That Tells  
Both Sides

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# CIA

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reported to Congress," he noted.

Walters, who added little to official statements by CIA and White House officials, said he welcomed the opportunity to tell the CIA's side of the story.

"But, when you have 76,000 individuals pass through the agency, like we've had in the last 20 years, you're bound to get some who use poor judgment, are over-zealous and make mistakes," he said.

"We have had our share of kooks and all sorts.

"You can minimize abuses but you can't legislate them out of existence.

"I repeat: nobody's been assassinated . . . none of the toxins have ever been used."

Walters noted that the controversial actions were those 15 to 20 years old. He said former President Kennedy warned the agency that it would be sub-

jected to "those who rummage in the garbage pails of history."

However, Walters said the disclosures have had little effect on the agency.

"I wish I could say yes, they've been catastrophic and must stop, but I can't," he said. He called CIA employees a "tough bunch of people who can stand the heat.

"The main thrust of the agency goes on."

The CIA's fate is to be "publicly pilloried for its failures but with successes passed over," said the presidential appointee.

However, Walters did say covert activities take up a far smaller share of the agency's budget than 15 years ago.

He cited declining involvement in Laos and Vietnam for the drop in clandestine work.

"We don't have CIA agency personnel in

Angola," he said. "There are 5,000 to 7,000 Cubans there, though."

Walters reported earlier that his visit to Oklahoma City wasn't part of a CIA attempt at "public relations."

"We have no PR group but do accept speaking engagements when we can and are asked," he said.

Walters noted that the CIA makes reports to about 100 congressmen from whom "we have no secrets. I repeat: from whom we have no secrets."

He said the CIA must follow governmental rules and regulations like any other agency and follow the direction of the Office of Management and Budget.

"We're not a policy-making body but an information service."

Walters said he hopes the agency can provide the nation with the information it needs to survive.

"There are no second prizes," he said.

# Gas

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price increases during a period of short supplies and rising prices. In addition, he said, it simplified audit procedures for refiners.

"However," Zarb said in a statement, "the rule is more useful under conditions of ample supply and relatively stable prices.

"It may even result in higher prices as marketers seek to raise prices by the maximum allowable amount at the beginning of every month to the maximum pricing authority.

In addition, he said, consumers might benefit because the new pricing flexibility would make it easier for independent marketers to engage in price competition.

The limits on refinery profit margins which Zarb proposed eliminating were adopted initially by the Cost of Living Council as a part of its effort to hold down prices throughout the economy and later by

# Schools

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spent for recurring expenses like education.

Boren repeatedly told the legislature and a statewide television audience Tuesday afternoon the state cannot afford to spend the \$80 million for operating expenses.

Using key words like "fiscal responsibility" and "financial sanity," the governor said if the State Supreme Court rules against him in the challenge of his setting aside the surplus funds for bond repayment, the legislature should invest those funds in non-recurring expenses.

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variance, Crockett said.

Then the case must come back to the planning commission for deed approval, he said.

McEwen fumed that the long process is costing Mrs. Largent hundreds of dollars in application fees and holding up sale of the land. She originally began attempts to gain approval of the sale in August, McEwen said.

Crockett agreed the process is long and complicated and said

# Ford's Fortune Encouraging

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford got a good political omen from a fortune cookie Monday.

At an American Farm Bureau Federation luncheon in St. Louis, Ford opened his fortune cookie to find a message:

# Memorandum

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SUBJECT: *Gen Walter's Visit - Press Reports*

*Attached are the only press reports I've seen of the visit. In addition, Channel 9 (CBS) carried about a 15 second report which reported only a brief extract re the Gen's feeling about the dedicated Agency employees: "Harry Truman said stay out of the kitchen if you can't stand the fire. The agency has a high percentage of employees perfectly willing to volunteer to work in the kitchen."*

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*of WCI Speech*  
*sent to Edwards*  
*on 15 Feb 76.*  
*JD*

Lt. Gen. Vernon Walters  
Deputy Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Walters:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your taking the time from your busy schedule to come to Oklahoma City to talk to our Rotary Club. I only hope that your message will wake some people up and give them the ammunition that they need to inform their other fellow citizens about the dangers we face in today's world. As you can see, the message that you gave must have struck a chord with many of the people there and I just pray that it won't roll off their shoulders and be forgotten but that rather it will get them to talking with their fellow citizens, as this is a prominent group of leaders in the community and the nation and many of them if they so chose could be very influential in getting your message across.

I was greatly embarrassed that many of the people that I had invited to the reception for you after your speech did not show up in time to visit with you. This event was planned at the last minute as I did not know how long we would have after your talk when I first invited you. However, I tried to invite a group of prominent people in influential areas who do speak up and talk about the things they believe in, to come and visit with you, and I was greatly embarrassed and distressed that more of them did not show up in time. I hope you will accept my apologies on this matter.

Enclosed is an editorial that was written as a result of your talk with John Couston Curry so you can be assured your message received a far broader audience than rotary. Also none of the muckracking questions that were asked by a TV representative were shown on TV but rather a picture of you saying "we have the finest, most dedicated Intelligence Service in the World" etc. The coverage was very favorable on TV.

If I can ever be of any further service to you or to the Agency, please let me know as I am at your service. Once again I have heard many people remark on what a fine and informative talk you made.

Sincerely yours,



Ellis Edwards

EE/me

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28 Wednesday, January 7, 1976

THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN

## Not True, Says Director

Army Lt. Gen. Vernon Walters, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, asserted in a speech in Oklahoma City Tuesday that no one was ever assassinated by a CIA agent or as the result of CIA plans.

Walters, speaking before the Rotary Club of Oklahoma City, charged that CIA critics have treated revelations of past discussions about proposed assassinations as if they were accepted CIA plan.

Attempts on the lives of foreign leaders were merely among things proposed to the CIA, but were never adopted, he said.

Walters dismissed the alleged assassination ideas as "ancient history" in terms of how much has happened on the international scene since.

Walters also defended the CIA's past experimentation in the area of chemical warfare.

He said the agency developed and stockpiled lethal toxins for experi-

mental purposes after some emigres from Communist countries were killed in Europe by strangers who brushed against them in crowded places.

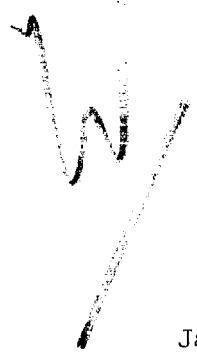
The agency believed it important to determine what kind of poisons were used, how they were used and how Americans could be protected from such death attempts. He said this occurred more than 20 years ago.

Walters explained the CIA's experimentation with mind-altering drugs as a reaction to publicly televised confessions of such prominent Communist resisters as Cardinal Mindszenty.

He said agency officials were convinced that the resisters had been subjected to some form of chemical brainwashing because some of the same individuals had endured severe Nazi torture without breaking.

Walters said the recent criticism has hurt the CIA but the agency has managed to maintain its function.

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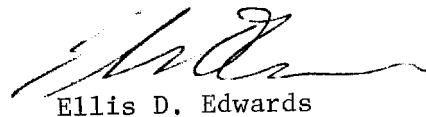
Lt. Gen. Vernon Walters  
Deputy Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Gen. Walters:

Enclosed is a copy of another newspaper article done as a result of your talk here in Oklahoma City that I overlooked when I sent you the other clippings. Although the headlines are somewhat of an eye-catcher the article as a whole is not totally anti-Agency.

Once again, thank you very much for taking the time from your very busy schedule to come to Oklahoma City. If ever I can be of any service to you or the Agency please let me know.

Sincerely,



Ellis D. Edwards

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Re: DOD Supplied Aircraft (T-39) for Houston/Okla. City

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mean at all*

Whenever a "Non-revenue aircraft" is traveling, DOD has policy that if aircraft is going somewhere and they have other people going that same way, they must be allowed to board...

Does DDCI have any objections to this? It may not be that anyone will also join flight, but just in case.

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ATTN: Via C/SS, DDO		25X1	
<p>Re your request for an Air Force aircraft to transport you from Houston to Oklahoma City 5 January 1976, we now have the following details:</p> <p>A T-39 has been made available and will depart from Hobby Field, Houston, o/a 0900 hours and will offload at the 137th Tactical Air Wing, Air National Guard, at Will Rogers Field in Oklahoma City. Travel time is approximately one hour. Point of contact at Hobby Field is the office of "Sky Travel."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">25X1</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 300px; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div><p>Chief, Special Operations Group Services Staff</p><p style="text-align: right;">25X1</p></div> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">SIGNATURE</p>			
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Plans Office  
Deputy Director for Plans & Policy  
Directorate of Plans (DCS/P&O)  
Headquarters USAF (AFXOXXS)

SUBJECT : Request for Special Airlift

1. This Agency requests T-39 airlift be provided for General Walters and one escort on 6 January 1976 from Houston, Texas, to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Request pickup be made at William P. Hobby Airport 06/0900L January. Destination will be Will Rogers World Airport, Oklahoma City.

2. This requirement has been informally discussed with representatives of AFXOXXS.

3. Funds are available to defray the cost of this support. When billing, please cite FAN 6210-1010.

4. If further information is required, please contact

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7 Nov 76

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next week. Speech would be NL7 1230,  
okay to arrive 1155, airt is about 30 min from downtown.

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Houston <sup>STAT</sup>  
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is helicopter service to airt from nearby.

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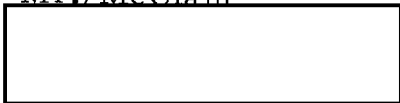
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Per Mr. Thuermer '18 Dec 75:

Location of Breakfast is changed to Stouffer's Hotel, Greenway Plaza,  
Houston, Texas.

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Mr./McClain



-----invites Gen Walters to have dinner  
with him evening of 5 Jan 75.

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Executive Registry

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22 August 1975

Mr. Tom McClain

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Dear Mr. McClain,

Here's a bio of General Walters and some other information about the Agency.

Let us keep in touch as the day for his speech approaches. I am always available on [Redacted]

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The General is looking forward to his trip to Houston.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angus MacLean Thuermer

Angus MacLean Thuermer  
Assistant to the Director

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TOM MCCLAIN

August 15, 1975

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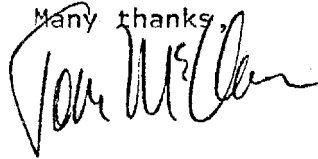
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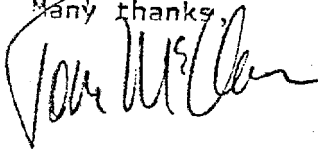
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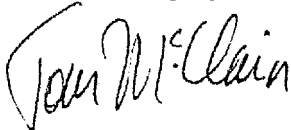
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TOM MCCLAIN

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Dear

Many thanks for the transcripts of the speech General Walters made while he was in Houston. My two local "recordees" (?) dropped the ball so the transcripts are particularly appreciated.

Too, I want you to know your effectiveness in taking care of those matters which you handled in connection with his trip to Houston impressed me a hell of a lot.

Fortunately I, too, have a young lady who works with me who is of the same caliber - at times it's a case of her waiting on me to get things moving.

Thanks again,

Tom McClain

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15 January 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Executive Breakfast Club Apology for Newspaper Article on D/DCI Talk

1. On 7 January 1976 Mr. Tom McClain, President Executive Breakfast Club, telephoned the [Redacted] Office. Mr. McClain asked this office to convey to Lieutenant General Vernon Walters, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, McClain's sincere apology for the type of newspaper coverage given the General's talk to the Executive Breakfast Club. Mr. McClain specifically mentioned the article appearing in the 6 January 1976 editions of the Houston Chronicle as distorting the thrust and substance of the talk. Mr. McClain stated he had telephoned the Houston Chronicle to complain about the article and he was determined to pursue the matter until the Chronicle prints another, more balanced report of the talk.

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2. As of 13 January 1976 no such article had appeared in the Houston Chronicle.

[Redacted]

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Attachment:

Copy of 6 January 1976 Houston Chronicle article

cc: DCD/Chief of Operations

✓ Office of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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HOUSTON CHRONICLE

6 January 1976

## Probe Could Damage CIA, Agency Official Says Here

The deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) said here today that recent congressional investigations of the agency were "like rummaging through the garbage of history" and have the potential of damaging the nation's intelligence operations.

The deputy director, Vernon A. Walters, however, said the CIA "will live with" the investigations because the United States requires that its intelligence arm be responsible to elected representatives.



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Walters said congressional investigators are charging us "with things that happened in the 1950s and 1960s."

Walters spoke at a meeting of the Executive Breakfast Club, a group of young businessmen, at Stouffer's Hotel.

Walters refused to answer questions from reporters.

He conceded that the CIA had been involved in the planning of assassinations and experiments with drugs and poisonous toxins.

He noted, however, that the investigations showed no evidence that any planned assassinations were carried out.

There have been "some kooks and nuts" in the CIA and overzeal and misjudgments by agents of the CIA since the agency was organized 27 years ago, Walters said.

"But they're been very few and far between," he said.

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