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SUBJECT: (Optional)
CIA Guest Speaker Program--Mrs. Barbara Tuchman

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1.	DCI 7 E 12 - HQ				<p>1. Attached are notes for your introduction of Mrs. Barbara W. Tuchman as CIA Guest Speaker on Thursday, 1 March 1979, at 3:00 p.m. in the Headquarters Auditorium. Attached also are copies of:</p> <p>a. The Employee Bulletin announcing the lecture and containing biographic data.</p> <p>b. A biography provided by Mrs. Tuchman.</p> <p>c. Your letter of invitation.</p> <p>2. We have Mrs. Tuchman's approval to videotape the lecture and will appreciate her wearing the lavalier mike for the purpose.</p> <p>3. The lecture and question period will extend from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m.</p>
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NOTES FOR THE DIRECTOR

INTRODUCTION OF MRS. BARBARA W. TUCHMAN

CIA Guest Speaker
1 March 1979

- I. WELCOME TO GUESTS FROM THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
 - II. BIOGRAPHIC HIGHLIGHTS
 - A. BORN IN NEW YORK CITY
 - B. GRADUATE OF RADCLIFFE COLLEGE
 - C. RECIPIENT OF NUMEROUS HONORARY DEGREES AND AWARDS, INCLUDING IN 1978 THE GOLD MEDAL FOR HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND LETTERS
 - D. TWICE THE WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE--THE GUNS OF AUGUST AND STILWELL AND THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN CHINA
 - E. CURRENT BOOK--A DISTANT MIRROR--HAS BEEN ON THE BEST SELLER LIST SINCE ITS PUBLICATION LAST SEPTEMBER
 - III. TOPIC: "AN INQUIRY INTO THE PERSISTENCE OF UNWISDOM IN GOVERNMENT"
- NOTE: MRS. TUCHMAN SHOULD USE NECK MIKE (LAVALIER MIKE)
- IV. QUESTION PERIOD
 - V. CONCLUSION BY 4:15 P.M.



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8 February 1979

CIA GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAM

BARBARA TUCHMAN

1. Barbara Tuchman, distinguished author, will be the CIA Guest Speaker on Thursday, 1 March 1979, at 3:00 p.m. in the Headquarters Auditorium. She will discuss "An Inquiry into the Persistence of Unwisdom in Government." She will be introduced by the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. Mrs. Tuchman, who writes history as literature, is twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize. Her works include Bible and Sword, 1956; The Zimmerman Telegram, 1958; The Guns of August, 1962 (Pulitzer Prize); The Proud Tower, 1966; Stilwell and the American Experience in China, 1971 (Pulitzer Prize); and A Distant Mirror, 1978. This last, published in September 1978, became an immediate nonfiction best seller. Her books have been translated into 13 languages. Mrs. Tuchman is also author of the short Notes from China, published in 1972, and has contributed widely to both scholarly and popular journals.

3. Mrs. Tuchman has lectured widely and has served in a number of scholarly and public service positions including trustee of Radcliffe College, 1960-72; President of the Society of American Historians, 1970-73; and member of the Council of the Smithsonian. She was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 1971 and now serves as Vice Chancellor for Literature. She has received numerous honorary degrees and awards including in 1978 the Gold Medal for History of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

4. Mrs. Tuchman was born in New York City. After education at the Walden School and Radcliffe College, she worked as a research assistant for the Institute of Pacific Relations, including a year at the Institute's office in Tokyo. She was on the editorial staff of Nation for the next two years, reporting from Madrid on the Spanish civil war in 1937. Prior to her marriage to Dr. Lester R. Tuchman, she reported on the U.S. for The New Statesman and Nation, and after Pearl Harbor served on the Far Eastern desk of the Office of War Information from 1943-45.

Barbara W. Tuchman writes history as literature and is twice a winner of the Pulitzer Prize. She was born in New York City in 1912, the daughter of Alma Morgenthau and Maurice Wertheim, banker and founder of Wertheim and Co., granddaughter of Henry Morgenthau Sr., former Ambassador to Turkey, and niece of Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury in the Roosevelt Administrations. After education at the Walden School and Radcliffe College, she worked as research assistant for the Institute of Pacific Relations, including a year in Tokyo at the Institute's office there. She was on the editorial staff of The Nation for the next two years, reporting from Madrid on the Spanish civil war in 1937. Prior to her marriage to Dr Lester R. Tuchman in 1940, she reported on the U.S. for The New Statesman and Nation of London and after Pearl Harbor served on the Far Eastern desk of the Office of War Information from 1943-45.

Mrs Tuchman is the author of BIBLE AND SWORD, 1956, THE ZIMMERMAN TELEGRAM, 1958, THE GUNS OF AUGUST, 1962 (Pulitzer Prize), THE PROUD TOWER, 1966, STILWELL AND THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN CHINA, 1971 (Pulitzer Prize). The three last books were full selections of the Book-of-the-Month Club, and together the books have been translated into thirteen languages including Hebrew and Japanese. Mrs Tuchman is also the author of NOTES FROM CHINA published in 1972 and has contributed many historical and critical articles to Foreign Affairs, Atlantic Monthly, Harpers, The New York Times Book Review, Op-Ed page, and Magazine, and other journals.

As a speaker Barbara Tuchman has given the Pegram Lectures at Brookhaven National Laboratory, the Phi Beta Kappa Address at Harvard, the Charter Day address at University of California, Berkeley, the Admiral Spruance lecture at the Naval War College, and many others. She was a trustee of Radcliffe College, 1960-72, president of the Society of American Historians, 1970-73, and serves as treasurer of the Author's Guild, Council member of the Author's League, and member of the Council of the Smithsonian. She has received the Hon. D. Litt. from Yale, Columbia, N.Y.U., Williams, U. Mass., Smith, among others and the Order of Leopold of Belgium. She was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 1971 and now serves as its Vice Chancellor for literature. In 1978, the Academy awarded her its Gold Medal for History.

Her latest book, A DISTANT MIRROR, was published in September of 1978 and immediately became the Number One Non-fiction Best Seller in the country with over 200,000 copies in print.

Mrs. Tuchman is the mother of three daughters and a resident of Cos Cob, Connecticut.

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