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TO LARRY EAGLEBURGER FOR SEC. KISSINGER

16 JANUARY 1974

TO: EAGLEBURGER  
FROM: SCOWCROFT

WE HAVE CULLED FROM ALL THE NEWS REPORTS THE FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS DIRECTED AT THE SECRETARY.

A. KISSINGER DEMANDED EXCESSIVE SECRECY IN POLICY PLANNING.  
1. " THE WHITE HOUSE WAS EAGER TO KEEP ITS SECRETS TO ITSELF...KISSINGER PREFERRED TO KEEP THE WORKINGS OF THE NSC SECRET---OFTEN FROM OTHER OFFICES IN THE WHITE HOUSE. KNOWLEDGE IS POWER AND THAT'S THE WAY KISSINGER ALWAYS OPERATED." (CHICAGO SUN TIMES, JANUARY 12)

2. "THE SECRECY PRECAUTIONS APPLIED BY KISSINGER CONSTITUTED A WAR AGAINST THE BUREAUCRACY TO A REMARKABLE DEGREE...THE ATMOSPHERE OF PRIVACY THAT ENVELOPED THE ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN AND NATIONAL SECURITY POLICIES EXTENDED TO STATE AND ACDA... ROGERS AND GERARD SMITH WERE KEPT IN THE DARK UNTIL THE EVE OF THE (MAY 21, 1971) ANNOUNCEMENT (ON SALT)." (WASHINGTON POST JAN. 13).

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3. "KISSINGER MADE THE JCS PARANOID AS HELL..."(CHICAGO TRIBUNE, JAN. 11)

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE  
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

B. KISSINGER TAPPED LAIRD'S AND ROGERS' TELEPHONES.

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1. "A FORMER WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL SAID PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY ADVISER KISSINGER ORDERED THE TAP ON LAIRD'S OFFICE TO DETERMINE WHETHER HIS SECRET DIPLOMATIC DEALINGS WERE BEING LEAKED TO THE PENTAGON." (CHICAGO SUN TIMES, JAN. 12)

2. "KISSINGER ... ORDERED A TELEPHONE TAPPED IN 1971 IN THE OFFICE OF MELVIN R. LAIRD... AFTER A MICROPHONE WAS DISCOVERED IN THE OFFICE OF ONE OF HIS AIDES, WAYNE SMITH." (CHICAGO SUN TIMES, JAN 13)

3. "AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES INSISTED THAT REPORT ALLUDES TO THE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TAPPING OF LT. GENERAL ROBERT E. PURSLEY.." (WASHINGTON POST, JAN 13)

4. TAD SZULC ON TODAY SHOW ON JAN 15 REPORTED HAK APPARENTLY IN 1969-70 SET IN MOTION HIS OWN PROCESS TO TAP LAIRD AND ROGERS BY ACTUALLY TAPPING PHONES OF THEIR CLOSEST ADVISERS."

C. KISSINGER WAS ANGERED BY PRESS LEAKS AND SPYING AND TOOK RETALIATORY ACTION.

1. "...THESE LEAKS HAD ANGERED BOTH NIXON AND KISSINGER." (CHICAGO TRIBUNE, JAN 11)

2. "KISSINGER'S SUSPICIONS THAT THE MILITARY MIGHT BE SPYING ON HIM...WERE AROUSED IN PART BY THE DISCOVERY THAT THE JCS HAD PREPARED A TABLE OF ORGANIZATION OF HIS NSC...AS A WAY OF TARGETING POSSIBLE LEAK POINTS." (CHICAGO SUN TIMES, JAN 13)

3. "NSC STAFF MEMBERS ALSO SUSPECTED THAT THE JCS WERE USING THE DIA TO PENETRATE FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO FIND OUT WHAT KISSINGER WAS UP TO WITH CHINA, THE USSR AND NORTH VIETNAM...AT KISSINGER'S DIRECTION THE DIA WAS ORDERED TO STOP ITS POACHING ON THE CIA AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER DIA WAS REMOVED FROM THE CONTROL OF THE JCS AND PLACED UNDER THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE." (IBID)

4. "THE LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN THE JCS AND THE NSC WAS QUIETLY TRANSFERRED AFTER A WHITE HOUSE INVESTIGATION...DISCLOSED THAT TOP MILITARY OFFICIALS WERE SPYING ON KISSINGER." "...ALTHOUGH NO CHARGES WERE FILED FORMALLY...AS MANY AS SIX MEN WERE REASSIGNED AFTER THE INVESTIGATION." (CHICAGO TRIBUNE,

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5. "WELANDER WAS REMOVED FROM HIS NSC POST ONLY BECAUSE RADEFORD HAD WORKED FOR HIM." (WASHINGTON POST, JAN 12)

0. KISSINGER MAY HAVE LIED ABOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE PLUMBERS.

1. "DURING MR. YOUNG'S INVESTIGATION...HE WAS ORDERED TO REPORT PERIODICALLY TO GENERAL HAIG...THIS WAS THE FIRST INDICATION THAT MR. YOUNG, A FORMER AIDE TO MR. KISSINGER, MAINTAINED A PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NSC WHILE SERVING WITH THE PLUMBERS. MR. KISSINGER HAS REPEATEDLY DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE PLUMBERS' ACTIVITIES." (CHICAGO TRIBUNE, JAN 12)

2. "DR. KISSINGER OFFERED THE SENATE SEEMINGLY CATEGORICAL ASSURANCE THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF DAVID YOUNG WHO... RAN THE INVESTIGATION WHICH KISSINGER ORDERED...THESE ASSURANCES LOOK VERY STRANGE NOW." (WASHINGTON POST, JAN 15)

3. "THEY (THE SPYING STORIES)IMPLY THAT DR. KISSINGER LIED TO A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE." (JOE KRAFT, WASHINGTON POST, JAN. 15)  
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