

SENSITIVE

PAGE 322

SITUATION(S) MESSAGE(S) LISTING

DATE 06/20/74//171

SITUATION: HAK TRIP  
 SUBJECT CATEGORY: TOSEC

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:

IMMEDIATE

O 110325Z JUN 74 ZFF4  
 FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO WHITE HOUSE

UNCLAS STATE 123027

TOSEC 49, WHITE HOUSE PASS TO SALZBURG  
 E.O. 116521 N/A  
 AGSI OVIP (KISSINGER)  
 SUBJECT: PRESS MATERIAL

HEREWITH TEXT RICHARD WILSON OP-ED COLUMN MONDAY JUNE 10  
 WASHINGTON STAR NEWS HEADED "CALL FOR KISSINGER CANDOR"

HENRY A. KISSINGER'S NEWEST PROBLEM IS NOT A SMALL ONE.  
 IT INVOLVES WHETHER OR NOT HE TOLD THE WHOLE TRUTH WHEN HE  
 CATEGORICALLY STATED UNDER OATH THAT HE HAD NO PART IN  
 INITIATING WIRETAPS IN 1969-70 ON SOME OF HIS AIDES AND NEWS-  
 MEN IN SEARCH OF EVIDENCE OF THEIR COMPLICITY IN DISCLOSING  
 SENSITIVE AND SECRET NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION.

HIS TESTIMONY UNDER OATH WAS UNEQUIVOCAL. HE SWORE UNDER  
 OATH BY SEN. J. FULBRIGHT  
 QUESTIONING BY SEN. J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT THAT NOT A SINGLE  
 ONE OF THE 17 WIRETAPS AUTHORIZED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS  
 INITIATED BY KISSINGER.

HE HAD SUPPLIED SOME NAMES OF THOSE WITH ACCESS TO THE  
 KIND OF INFORMATION IN QUESTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL  
 CRITERIA OF A PREVIOUS DECISION ON PROTECTING THE NATIONAL  
 SECURITY. AND IT MAY HAVE BEEN, KISSINGER ADDED, THAT THE  
 FBI UNDER J. EDGAR HOOVER MAY HAVE HAD A DIFFERENT PERCEP-  
 TION OF WHAT WAS CALLED FOR. THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SUR-  
 PRISING, BECAUSE THE FBI BASED ITS PERCEPTIONS ON WIRETAP

\*\*\*\*\* WSR COMMENTS \*\*\*\*\*

TROIA

PSN1013613

DTGT110325

TOR11620337

SENSITIVE

SITUATION: HAK TRIP  
 SUBJECT CATEGORY: TOSEC

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

AUTHORIZATIONS RECEIVED FROM ATTY. GEN. JOHN MITCHELL

5: SOMEWHERE IN HERE THERE ARE SOME GAPS AND IN ALL THE GLORY OF HIS DIPLOMATIC SUCCESSSES, SECRETARY OF STAT KISSINGER UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE COMPELLED TO FILL THEM IN. THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HAS HEARD A DIFFERENT STORY THAN KISSINGER TOLD FULBRIGHT, THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY ITS INVESTIGATIVE STAFF THAT KISSINGER'S INVOLVEMENT WAS MORE DIRECT, AND A NEW REVELATION OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S CONVERSATIONS HAS HIM SAYING THAT KISSINGER "ASKED THAT IT BE DONE."

6 SO, IT IS THE OLD STORY, DENIALS AND INJURED INNOCENCE WHERE COMPLETE CANDOR IS CALLED FOR. KISSINGER WILL HAVE TO SAY MORE AND HE MAY AS WELL SAY IT NOW.

7. WHO CAN SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT KISSINGER WAS ANGRY AND PERTURBED OVER THE PREMATURE DISCLOSURE OF FINAL NEGOTIATING POSITIONS WITH THE RUSSIANS ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION? THIS INFORMATION AND MORE WAS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND, WHERE COULD IT HAVE COME FROM?

8. AS THE WORKING HEAD OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AT THE TIME, KISSINGER AND HIS TOP AIDE, GEN. ALEXANDER M. HAIG, WOULD HAVE BEEN FOOLS NOT TO SUSPECT SOMEONE IN THE NSC STAFF, THEY COULD REASONABLY CONCLUDE THAT SUCH LEAKS OF INFORMATION WERE FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNDERMINING POLICY LINES WITH WHICH THE LEAKERS DISAGREED, BY EXPOSING THEM TO PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION, INTERNAL SABOTAGE IS NOT UNKNOWN AT THESE HIGH LEVELS WHERE INTRIGUE IS IMBIBED WITH THE FOOD IN THE WHITE HOUSE MESS AND WILLS COLLIDE OVER TRIFLES.

9: ANYWAY, EXACTLY HOW WRONG WAS IT TO TRY TO RUN DOWN LEAKS OF INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT SERIOUSLY EMBARRASS THE NATIONAL SECURITY THROUGH DULY AUTHORIZED WIRETAPS? THAT QUESTION WOULD BE EASIER TO ANSWER IF THE WIRETAPS HAD PRODUCED THE EVIDENCE SOUGHT. BUT THEY REVEALED ONLY SUCH SECURITY INFORMATION AS AN INTEREST IN PORNOGRAPHIC BOOKSHOPS AND HINTS OF AN EXTRA-MARITAL AFFAIR. LIKE SO MUCH ELSE IN THE WATERGATE ATMOSPHERE, THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE FARFICAL.

10: KISSINGER'S PROBLEM NOW, AND WHY HE HAS NOT FACED IT BEFORE TELLS TOO MUCH ABOUT THE CONSPIRATORIAL ATMOSPHERE.

SENSITIVE

PAGE 324

SITUATION(S) MESSAGE(S) LISTING

DATE 06/20/74//171

SITUATION: HAK TRIP  
 SUBJECT CATEGORY: TOSEC

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION

IS TO JUSTIFY PUBLICLY WHAT HE DID TO PLUG THE LEAKS WHICH WERE EMBARRASING HIM AND THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, AND WHY HE DID IT. KISSINGER IS NOT SO INNOCENT OF INTRIGUE THAT HE COULD NOT HAVE KNOWN WHAT THE SUPPLYING OF NAMES OF SUSPECTED LEAKERS MIGHT LEAD TO.

11. HE ADMITS THAT HE DID SUPPLY NAMES AND THAT ACT ALONE IS IRRETRIEVABLE WHETHER OR NOT HE MADE A "DIRECT" RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS KIND OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE. KISSINGER WAS INVOLVED FROM THAT POINT ONWARD, AND THERE ARE ALSO PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS THAT HE ANGRILY DEMANDED ACTION FROM FBI DIRECTOR HOOVER, WHO SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN NERVOUS ABOUT THE WHOLE BUSINESS.

12. THE SAD PART OF THIS IS THAT KISSINGER HAS GOTTEN INTO A PROBLEM AT A TIME WHEN HIS SUCCESS WAS SO GREAT, BUT HE IS NOT ALONE IN THAT; NOR IS HE ALONE IN SUFFERING FROM A LACK OF COMPLETE CANDOR WHEN FIRST CONFRONTED WITH SUSPICIONS HE CONSIDERED WHOLLY UNJUSTIFIED. PRESIDENT NIXON LED THE WAY DOWN THAT PATH. SSSC

BT

SENSITIVE