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which clearly states that the Agency has no  
police, subpoena, or law enforcement power  
or internal security functions.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

VIA LDX

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TO: LARRY EAGLEBURGER

FROM: DICK KENNEDY

Attached is the revised set of Q's and A's I am  
sending to Rumsfeld.

MEMORANDUM

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December 23, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD  
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER  
SUBJECT: Public Handling of New York Times  
Allegations of CIA Domestic Activities

In our public posturing of this problem today we will want to address the following problems facing the President:

- to insure that no such alleged activities are taking place and that the CIA is acting fully within its charter;
- to insure that if such activities ever did happen corrective measures have been taken within the CIA and that appropriate disciplinary actions have been or will be taken.
- to assure the American public that the President has firm control over the activities of the CIA and thereby to maintain public confidence in the intelligence community of the United States.

We suggest that the White House not issue a statement on this matter but address the issue by taking Qs and As in the normal press conference procedure. We are concerned that we not act in such a way as to give credence to the allegations of the New York Times story and create an impression that a major problem actually exists and that the Ford Administration is confronted with a scandal of major proportions. We should act in such a way as to make it perfectly clear that these activities anti-dated the current Administration and that this Administration is acting forthrightly to insure that no such activities will occur during President Ford's Administration.

The following are our views as to the likely questions to be addressed to the White House today with our suggested answers.

In general the answers provided are drafted to indicate that the Administration is acting decisively on the matter and to keep the matter within the Administration and head off, if possible, a full blown Congressional investigation outside of the normal legislative oversight channels.

Q: What is the President doing about the New York Times reports of widespread CIA involvement in domestic surveillance activities during and before the Nixon Administration?

A: The President has directed CIA Director Colby to submit a written report to him through the NSC within 48 hours. The report is to contain a detailed description of any CIA activities which may in any way have been referred to in the Times article.

Q: What was the "partial information" the President mentioned yesterday that he had about this matter?

A: This reference was to advance information that the Times would be carrying an article such as that one that appeared yesterday.

Q: Can you describe for us just what it is that the CIA was doing legitimately as opposed to allegations made by the New York Times the Administration considers unfounded? For example, does the Agency maintain a file of 10,000 names on American citizens?

A: The President has asked Director Colby for a full report on this matter. We expect that report to be complete and we will go no further at this time.

Q: Does the President maintain confidence in Director Colby?

A: Yes.

Q: Can you tell us how the President views the CIA Charter? What does the President view as the legitimate role of the Central Intelligence Agency?

A: I am not going to discuss the specific activities of the Central Intelligence Agency as it carries out its duties. The Charter of the CIA is spelled out in the National Security Act of 1947. *insert* The President is confident that the CIA is acting within that Charter and the President has been assured that the appropriate committees of Congress have been kept fully informed on the activities of the CIA.

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Q: If you will not answer specific questions about CIA activities and personalities can you tell us about [redacted] position on the National Security Council? Is he going to be suspended pending the outcome of Mr. Colby's investigation?

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A: [redacted] a career CIA officer was assigned to the NSC staff as Director of Intelligence Coordination in March of 1974. [redacted] was recommended for this position by Mr. Colby and the NSC considered him well suited for this position by his background and experience in a broad range of intelligence activities. I am not prepared to discuss further [redacted] duties on the staff.

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Q: Is the President going to ask Director Helms to return to the US to obtain his version of the New York Times allegations?

A: There are no plans for that at this time. Should an appropriate Congressional Committee wish to question Ambassador Helms we would ask the Ambassador to return for this purpose.

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(CIA)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- SEN. WILLIAM PROXMIRE, D-WIS., DEMANDED TODAY THAT SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER FIRE RICHARD HELMS AS AMBASSADOR TO IRAN FOR ALLEGED ILLEGAL CIA SPYING ON AMERICANS WHILE HELMS HEADED THE CONTROVERSIAL AGENCY. S/S  
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PROXMIRE ALSO ASKED ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL LAURENCE SILBERMAN TO HAVE THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT "TAKE IMMEDIATE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST ANY AND ALL OFFICIALS" WHO VIOLATED THE 1947 NATIONAL SECURITY ACT WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

PRESIDENT FORD WARNED CURRENT CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM E. COLBY SUNDAY THAT HE WOULD TOLERATE NO SUCH SPYING ON AMERICANS IN THIS COUNTRY DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION,

PROXMIRE HAS LONG BEEN A FOE OF VARIOUS COVERT ACTIVITIES OF THE CIA AND LOST NO TIME IN REACTING TO A SUNDAY NEW YORK TIMES REPORT DETAILING ALLEGED SPYING ON THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS BY THE AGENCY BEGINNING IN THE 1950S.

PROXMIRE MADE HIS REQUESTS IN LETTERS TO KISSINGER AND SILBERMAN. KISSINGER'S OFFICE ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT BUT HAD NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT.

HELMS HEADED THE CIA FROM 1966 UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO IRAN IN 1973. HE HAS ALREADY BEEN RECALLED TWICE FROM HIS POST TO TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON COVERT CIA ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY IN CHILE.

KISSINGER IS DOUBLY INVOLVED AS HELMS' BOSS IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE AND AS PRESIDENT FORD'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SO-CALLED 40 COMMITTEE, WHICH REVIEWS ALL COVERT INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS.

THE TIMES SAID IN A DETAILED DISPATCH THAT THE CIA UNDER HELMS HAD SET UP INTELLIGENCE FILES ON AT LEAST 10,000 FOR ANTI-WAR AND OTHER ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LATE 1950S AND 1960S.

SEN. JOHN SPARKMAN, D-ALA., WHO WILL TAKE OVER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IN THE NEW CONGRESS, JOINED PROXMIRE IN DEMANDING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE CIA AND QUESTIONING OF HELMS.

"I HAVE BEEN SHOCKED BY THE REVELATIONS REGARDING CIA ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES," SPARKMAN SAID IN A STATEMENT.

"IT IS MY INTENTION IN THE NEW CONGRESS TO HAVE THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE LOOK INTO THESE MATTERS. I HOPE THAT MR. HELMS WHO IS NOW AMBASSADOR TO IRAN WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THESE HEARINGS SINCE MANY OF THE THINGS NOW BEING BROUGHT TO LIGHT OCCURRED WHILE HE WAS HEAD OF THE CIA."

OTHER LAWMAKERS JOINED IN DEMANDING AN ENQUIRY.

SEN. LOWELL WEICKER, R-CONN., A MEMBER OF THE SENATE WATERGATE COMMITTEE, SAID THAT LEGISLATION TO CREATE A JOINT INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WAS "LONG OVERDUE."

HE SAID HE AND SEN. HOWARD BAKER, R-TENN., ALSO A MEMBER OF THE WATERGATE COMMITTEE, WOULD REINTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO CREATE A COMMITTEE TO CHECK ON THE CIA AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE BODIES.

IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAID REP. MICHAEL HARRINGTON, D-MASS., PLANS A LAWSUIT AGAINST KISSINGER, TREASURY SECRETARY WILLIAM E. SIMON AND COLBY FOR SUBVERSIVE CIA ACTIVITIES IN CHILE.

THE CIA WAS SAID TO HAVE SPENT SOME \$9 MILLION IN BRIBING CHILEAN POLITICIANS, NEWSPAPERS, LABOR UNIONS AND STUDENTS TO PREVENT THE ELECTION OF MARXIST PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE WHO DIED IN A 1973 COUP, IN SANTIAGO.

COLBY MET TODAY WITH TOP AIDES, ACCORDING TO AN AGENCY SPOKESMAN, BUT HAD NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT ON THE NEWSPAPER REPORT.

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