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JUNE 10, 1974

TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT  
FROM: BUD MCFARLANE

1. THE FOLLOWING TWO MEMORANDA ARE TRANSMITTED IN RESPONSE TO YOUR TELEPHONE REQUEST OF THIS EVENING.
2. BEGIN TEXT:

JUNE 3, 1969  
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER  
FROM: AL HAIG

SUBJECT: ITEMS TO DISCUSS AT MEETING WITH HALDEMAN AND  
EHRlichman ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3

1. INFORM HALDEMAN AND EHRlichman THAT YOU HAVE HAD SOME INVESTIGATIONS MADE BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AS A RESULT OF SEVERAL PRESS LEAKS WHICH MIGHT HAVE COME FROM MEMBERS OF THE NSC STAFF. SPECIFICALLY, STORIES CARRIED BY WILLIAM BEECHER INDICATED THAT HIGHLY CLASSIFIED INFORMATION HAD BEEN PROVIDED FROM SOURCES HIGH IN THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OR ON THE NSC STAFF. THE FIRST TWO LEAKS INVOLVED NSC STUDIES WHICH WERE CONDUCTED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR THE NSC AND THE LAST AND MOST SERIOUS WAS THE LEAK INVOLVING OUR CAMBODIAN B-52 OPERATIONS.

-- TELL EHRlichman AND HALDEMAN THAT YOU WANT THEM TO BE FULLY APPRISED OF THE ACTIONS YOU HAVE TAKEN WITH THE FBI, THE RESULTS OF THE FBI INVESTIGATION WHICH INCLUDED THE USE OF WIRETAPPING INFORMATION AGAINST CERTAIN MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF, AND YOUR PLAN FOR FUTURE ACTIONS.

FACTS

FBI, OSD, NSS Reviews Completed.

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7- FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH MEL LAIRD AS TO THE POSSIBLE SOURCES OF THE LEAKS ON THE FIRST TWO BEECHER ARTICLES, IN EARLY MAY A THIRD ARTICLE BY BEECHER WAS RELEASED WHICH CULMINATED IN THE DECISION BY YOU AND BY MEL LAIRD TO INITIATE FORMAL INVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO FIND THE SOURCE.

-- LAIRD DECIDED TO USE HIS DIRECTOR OF INSPECTION SERVICES IN OSD TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION AND YOU ASKED INSPECTOR WILLIAM SULLIVAN AND J. EDGAR HOOVER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI, TO INITIATE A FORMAL INVESTIGATION ON MAY 9.

-- ON MAY 13 YOU RECEIVED A MEMORANDUM FROM J. EDGAR HOOVER (TAB A) IN WHICH HE MADE SOME ALLEGATIONS TO THE EFFECT THAT MORT HALPERIN MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE SOURCE OF THE LEAKS SINCE HE WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF BEECHER'S AND ALSO "OF ANTI-ADMINISTRATION" ORIENTATION.

-- IN THE SAME MEMORANDUM, HOOVER INDICATED THAT LARRY EAGLEBURGER WAS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT BECAUSE HE WAS FORMERLY AN ASSISTANT TO NICK KATZENBACK AND WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF BEECHER. (ACTUALLY, MR. EAGLEBURGER IS AN ARDENT REPUBLICAN AND HAS NEVER MET MR. BEECHER.)

-- THE HOOVER MEMORANDUM ALSO MENTIONS IVAN SELIN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, WHO IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF HALPERIN'S.

-- BASED ON THE HOOVER MEMORANDUM OF MAY 13 AND SEVERAL OTHER UNOFFICIAL REPORTS THAT MEMBERS OF THE NSC STAFF MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THESE LEAKS AND AFTER DISCUSSING THE PROBLEM WITH THE PRESIDENT, YOU HAD COL. HAIG INSTRUCT MR. SULLIVAN TO PLACE A WIRETAP ON THE OFFICE AND RESIDENCE PHONES OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: HALPERIN, SONNENFELDT, DAVIDSON (YOU REQUESTED DAVIDSON BECAUSE OF HIS EARLIER REPUTATION FOR LOOSE TALK WITH THE PRESS CORPS), SNEIDER AND MOOSE.

-- AS INFORMATION WAS PICKED UP DURING THE WIRETAP OPERATION, COL. HAIG WAS CALLED BY MR. SULLIVAN, WENT TO HIS OFFICE AND READ CONVERSATIONS WHICH WERE WRITTEN UP BY THE FBI AGENTS INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION. THESE TAPS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED SINCE MAY 15 AND ARE STILL BEING MAINTAINED.

-- SO FAR, PROBLEMS HAVE DEVELOPED WITH TWO OF THE INDIVIDUALS BEING TAPPED. THE FIRST INVOLVES DAN DAVIDSON WHO HAS UNQUESTIONABLY BEEN GUILTY OF REVEALING HIGHLY CLASSIFIED INFORMATION TO VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE PRESS CORPS, INCLUDING MARILYN BERGER OF "NEWSDAY" AND ESPECIALLY HENRY BRANDON OF LONDON SUNDAY TIMES. DAVIDSON HAS ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN SEVERAL TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH GOVERNOR HARRIMAN WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED DISLOYAL TO THE ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE BREACHES OF SECURITY. HIS MOST SERIOUS BREACHES,

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HOWEVER, INVOLVE REVELATIONS TO HENRY BRANDON ON EXTREMELY SENSITIVE MATTERS RELATING TO THE EARLIER PARIS NEGOTIATIONS WHEN HARRIMAN AND VANCE WERE IN CHARGE DURING THE EVOLUTION OF THE BOMBING PAUSE AND HALT.

-- THE SECOND PROBLEM AREA REFERRED TO CONVERSATION BETWEEN MORT HALPERIN AND DR. LESLIE GELB, AN ASSOCIATE OF HALPERIN'S WHO FORMERLY WORKED IN THE PENTAGON IN ISA AND WHO IS NOW ASSOCIATED WITH BROOKINGS INSTITUTION. HALPERIN'S CONVERSATIONS WERE VERY INAPPROPRIATE ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT NECESSARILY CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS BREACH OF SECURITY.

-- ON MAY 28, J. EDGAR HOOVER FORWARDED A MEMORANDUM TO YOU (TAB B), WHICH SUMMARIZED THE INFORMATION ON THE TWO ABOVE INDIVIDUALS AND RAISED SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BONA FIDES OF HENRY BRANDON. HOOVER ALSO FORWARDED THIS INFORMATION TO THE PRESIDENT AND YOU DISCUSSED IT IN DETAIL WITH THE PRESIDENT ON MAY 28.

-- ON MAY 29, MR. HOOVER SENT AN ADDITIONAL MEMORANDUM (TAB C) TO YOU IN WHICH HE RAISED MORE QUESTIONS ON THE SECURITY STATUS OF DAVIDSON. HALPERIN AND HENRY BRANDON. THE CONVERSATIONS ON HALPERIN'S TELEPHONE INDICATED THAT HE ALSO WAS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH BRANDON, WHO MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH [REDACTED]

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THE THIRD HOOVER MEMORANDUM ALSO NOTES THAT BOTH DAVIDSON AND HALPERIN ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE FAMILY OF I.F. STONE, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. IN THE SAME MEMORANDUM HOOVER NOTES THAT HAL SONNELFELDT HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MAX FRANKEL OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, AND ABRAHAM BRUMBERG, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THIS MEMORANDUM ALSO POINTS OUT THAT DAVIDSON HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MARILYN BERGER AND RICH SMITH, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES.

**FUTURE ACTIONS**

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, YOU HAVE TAKEN ACTION TO:

A. HAVE DAVIDSON TRANSFERRED TO STATE THIS WEEK WHERE HE WILL BE PLACED IN A NON- SENSITIVE POSITION AND WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT HE WILL SOON LEAVE GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE FBI WILL ENSURE THAT HE IS NOT EXPOSED TO SENSITIVE INFORMATION IN THE FUTURE.

B. GRADUALLY CUT HALPERIN'S CONTACT WITH SENSITIVE INFORMATION WITHIN THE NSC STAFF AND EXCLUDE HIM FROM FUTURE SENSITIVE DATA. IN THE INTERIM, WE WILL MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST SURVEILLANCE OF HIS ACTIVITIES AND TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS.

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C. RECOMMEND THAT EHRLICHMAN REVIEW AT HIS FIRST OPPORTUNITY THE RECORD OF HIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS, WHICH ARE MAINTAINED IN BILL SULLIVAN'S OFFICE. IT IS EVIDENT FROM THIS RECORD THAT WHILE MUCH THAT HAS BEEN SAID IS WORRISOME, THERE IS YET NOTHING POSITIVE ON WHICH ACTIONS CAN BE TAKEN WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FACT THAT HE HAS PROBABLY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BRANDON SUBSEQUENT TO HALDEMAN'S MEMORANDUM FORBIDDING CONTACTS WITH THE PRESS.

D. IN THE CASE OF SONNENFELDT, THERE HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE OTHER THAN THE REFERENCE IN HOOVER'S MEMORANDUM THAT HE HAS BEEN GUILTY OF ANY SECURITY VIOLATIONS. THERE IS PREVIOUS VIOLATION BY SONNENFELDT WHICH OCCURRED MANY YEARS AGO AND WHICH CONFIRMS THAT HE HAS BEEN INJUDICIOUS IN THE PAST. FOR THIS REASON, YOU PROPOSE TO MAINTAIN THE TAP ON HIS TELEPHONE. ( YOU MIGHT NOTE THAT SONNENFELDT IS BASICALLY A STRONG ANTI-COMMUNIST AND CONSERVATIVE THINKER.)

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JUNE 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER  
FROM: AL HAIG  
SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH J. EDGAR HOOVER,  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 AT 9:30AM

1. EXPRESS YOUR APPRECIATION TO MR. HOOVER AND MR. SULLIVAN FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT IN RECENT WEEKS IN UNCOVERING SECURITY PROBLEMS WITHIN THE NSC STAFF. INFORM MR. HOOVER THAT YOU HAVE DISCUSSED THESE PROBLEMS IN DETAIL WITH THE PRESIDENT ( AND WITH MESSRS. HALDEMAN AND EHRLICHMAN).

2. TELL MR. HOOVER OF THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO DAVIDSON.

3. ASK MR. HOOVER FOR HIS VIEWS ON HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH HALPERIN, WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN INDISCRETIONS AND WHO OBVIOUSLY HAS A REPUTATION FOR LIBERAL VIEWS BUT WHO HAS YET TO BE FIRMLY LINKED WITH A SECURITY BREACH. I THINK IT BEST THAT YOU SEEK MR. HOOVER'S ADVICE IN THIS INSTANCE WHILE AVOIDING ANY SPECIFIC COMMENTS PRO OR CON AND ESPECIALLY AVOIDING ANY OPINIONS ON THIS MATTER;

4. REQUEST MR. HOOVER'S ADVICE ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH SONNENFELDT.

5. ASK MR. HOOVER IF HE HAS ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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OR GUIDANCE WHICH HE FEELS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN THIS VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION.

SPECIFICALLY YOU MIGHT INQUIRE ABOUT THERE REQUIREMENT FOR PROLONGING THE TAPS, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT THE PRESIDENT WISHES TO TERMINATE THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ( I THINK IN THE CASE OF HALPERIN AND SONNENFELDT THAT THEY SHOULD BE KEPT ON FOR A AT LEAST ANOTHER TWO WEEKS SO THAT A PATTERN OF INNOCENCE CAN BE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED.

END TEXT.

RESPECTFULLY.

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