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SEPTEMBER 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

GRUMMAN OFFICIAL ALLEGES NIXON CONTRIBUTION OVERTURE: DR. THOMAS O. CHEATHAM, FORMER PRESIDENT OF GRUMMAN INTERNATIONAL, TOLD THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 13 THAT IN APRIL 1972 A WHITE HOUSE AIDE SOLICITED A \$1 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO NIXON'S 1972 CAMPAIGN IN RETURN FOR ASSISTANCE IN PROMOTING THE SALE OF GRUMMAN B-70 AIRCRAFT TO JAPAN. THE OFFICIAL ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED WAS RICHARD ALLEN, THEN DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR INTERNATIONAL SALES AND DEVELOPMENT. CHEATHAM SAID HE KNEW OF NO CONTRIBUTION EVER BEING MADE TO THE NIXON CAMPAIGN BY GRUMMAN. WE UNDERSTAND THE WASHINGTON POST IS FOLLOWING UP ON THE STORY. JAPAN IS CURRENTLY BELIEVED TO BE ON THE VERGE OF ORDERING THE B-70 FROM GRUMMAN. THE CURRENT CHARGES, HOWEVER, MAY RESULT IN A POSTPONEMENT OF THE DECISION. (TAYLOR)

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