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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR.

PLEASE DELIVER AT 008 NOVEMBER 19

HOUSTON, WARNER AND GREANEY FROM HELMS

PRECEDENCE

1. HAVE READ HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 23, 1973 AND RELEVANT PORTIONS OF COLBY NOMINATION HEARINGS INCLUDING LARGE CHUNKS OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S QUIZZING WHICH, I GATHERED FROM WOOLSEY WHEN I WAS IN WASHINGTON LATE JULY, WAS BASED ON LEAKS FROM COX TO KENNEDY. THESE TWO REPORTS WERE SENT ME RECENTLY BY MAURY.
2. I HAVE CHECKED ON CONGRESSIONAL TRANSCRIPTS WHICH GREANEY BROUGHT ME OUT HERE, BUT THEY DO NOT INCLUDE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON 21 MAY OR WATERGATE COMMITTEE ON 2 AUGUST. IS THERE ANY POINT IN MY REVIEWING ANY OF THOSE I HAVE AGAINST BACKGROUND OF WHAT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR WILL WANT TO COVER WITH ME? OR SHALL I AWAIT ARRIVAL WASHINGTON AND READ WHAT YOU WILL HAVE FOR ME THERE?
3. I NOTED IN PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE BERNSTEIN-WOODWARD STORY 16 NOVEMBER 16 FROM WASHINGTON POST INDICATING THAT WHITE HOUSE

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HAS ATTEMPTED TO DISCOURAGE INDICTMENT OF EHRLICHMAN, COLSON, AND KROGH ON GROUNDS OF JEOPARDIZING NATIONAL SECURITY. LATER IN STORY STATEMENT OCCURS SAYING QUOTE THE INVESTIGATION WAS RESTRICTED FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS UNQUOTE, REFERRING TO PRESIDENT'S ALLEGED FEAR OF UNCOVERING CIA OPERATIONS IN MEXICO. FOR SOME REASON I AM NOT FULLY INFORMED AS TO WHY IT WAS HELD UP FOR TWO WEEKS, ON WHOSE ORDERS, AND HOW THIS ALL CAME TO LIGHT. PAGE 20 OF THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT GIVES SOME INSIGHT BUT THERE MUST BE MORE DATA. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF GREANEY WOULD INCLUDE THAT IN THE MATERIAL HE IS PUTTING TOGETHER FOR ME. THE MORE ONE EXAMINES THAT EXPRESSION QUOTE COVER UP UNQUOTE, THE SLIPPERIER IT BECOMES AND THE MORE THE QUESTION ARISES AS TO THE NECESSITY FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO KNOW WHAT WAS TO BE COVERED UP. I AM NOT WAXING SEMANTICAL OR PHILOSOPHICAL, I AM SIMPLY TRYING TO ANALYZE WHAT THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR IS AFTER.

4. WARM REGARDS AND CONTINUING APPRECIATION. E2, IMPDET.

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