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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: John Dean Allegations to Newsweek Magazine

1. Mr. William Jordan, the Latin American referent on Dr. Kissinger's Staff, called today in reference to State cable No. 112189, dated 11 June (attached). He said that he had specific reference to paragraph 2 of that cable and would like to have "everything and anything we know" on that subject in the Agency.

2. The undersigned indicated to Mr. Jordan that he had checked out the allegation that some low level White House officials had considered assassinating Torrijos when the story first appeared in Newsweek and, despite checking outside WH Division also, could find no one in the Agency who could recollect or find anything relating to such a plan on the part of any portion of U.S. officialdom. I told him that I felt sure that nothing of this nature had come to WH Division's attention because for the period in question I had been Deputy Chief of WH Division and had heard nothing about any such plan. Mr. Jordan asked if the Agency knew anything about Howard Hunt having had a team in Mexico "before the mission was aborted" and I indicated that as far as I knew, the Agency had no information on Hunt being in Mexico on such a mission. I also indicated, however, they could have been and the Agency might well not know it simply because he could have used an alias and he is an American citizen, which is outside the Agency's province and really the FBI's business. I suggested that it might be best if he checked the FBI on that particular angle. Subsequently I checked with Mr. William V. Broe, the IG, and [redacted] recently returned COS, [redacted]

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

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and both indicated that they had not run across any information concerning this latter allegation of Hunt and a team in Mexico on a mission related to Panama.

3. It was apparent that Mr. Jordan was under some pressure to refute these allegations and was casting about in all directions to make as certain of his ground as he possibly could before he tried to do so.

  
 Deputy Chief  
Western Hemisphere Division 

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 SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS MADE BY JOHN DEAN TO NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE

THE FOLLOWING IS EXCERPTED FROM A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE  
 ON TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES WHICH REPORTS ON ALLEGATIONS  
 MADE BY JOHN DEAN TO NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE.

"SOME "LOW-LEVEL" WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS CONSIDERED AS-  
 SASSINATING PANAMA'S RULER OMAR TORRIJOS, BECAUSE THEY  
 SUSPECTED THE INVOLVEMENT OF HIGH PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES IN  
 DRUG TRAFFIC AND BECAUSE THEY FELT THE GOVERNMENT HAD  
 BEEN UNCOOPERATIVE ABOUT RENEGOTIATING THE PANAMA CANAL  
 TREATY. E. HOWARD HUNT JR., A LEADER OF THE WATERGATE  
 SCANDAL, HAD A TEAM IN MEXICO "BEFORE THE MISSION WAS  
 REPORTED," NEWSWEEK SAID." RUSH

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