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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Leakage of Senator Baker's Correspondence to Mr. Colby

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1. With respect to Senator Baker's letter to Mr. Colby of 22 February 1974, concerning Messrs. Woodward and Bernstein, of the Post, inquiry on Fred Thompson's memorandum, Senator Baker said that he was:

a. Puzzled why Mr. Colby was called by the Post if the reporters did not have a copy of Senator Baker's letter to Mr. Colby. (Clearly the Thompson memorandum by itself is revealing of CIA's interest.)

b. Said his copy of his letter to Mr. Colby contained a marking that Mr. Colby's copy did not contain which would permit him to determine whose copy (Baker's or Colby's) was in the hands of the Post.

2. Fred Thompson said Mr. Woodward was taken off the Watergate story because of Mr. Bennett's allegations that he had fed Mr. Woodward stories to take the heat off himself and Mr. Woodward was not reluctant to take the credit for the stories. For this reason Mr. Thompson thought it was interesting that Mr. Woodward would have been handling Mr. Bernstein's calls.



Deputy Legislative Counsel

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