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Honorable Howard H. Baker  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Baker:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 20 February 1974 enclosing a memorandum of the same date from Fred Thompson to you. I must say I am rather surprised and perplexed by the statement in your letter that you fear you are not getting the information you need as promptly as you need it, particularly in view of your statement to me several days ago that you were extraordinarily pleased with the way the Agency was cooperating.

As you must know Agency representatives are in continuing, in fact almost constant, contact with Fred Thompson and have been bending every effort to cooperate with him in providing information he has requested which is relevant to Watergate. As I am sure you also know, thus far this month eleven witnesses from this Agency have appeared and responded to questions from Mr. Thompson and other members of the Committee staff.

With respect to Mr. Thompson's specific comments, some of the material mentioned is in preparation and will be provided very shortly. Some of the requests come to our attention for the first time in this memo. Certain of them, such as the request for "the extent of CIA activities in Mexico in calendar year 1972," pose a serious question. I had hoped by being fully responsive to your investigation to avoid any difference between

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us over our responsiveness, but I am indeed concerned about the problem of leaks in the current atmosphere in Washington. A request as broad as this, however, would obviously expose sensitive intelligence sources and methods having no relationship to your inquiry. In this situation I must request a more precise bill of particulars, as there might be some matters which I would hope could be handled through our normal oversight procedures with the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Again, please be assured of my desire to provide your Committee with any information it requests that is relevant to its areas of responsibility, but I must also meet the responsibilities that are imposed upon me to protect intelligence sources and methods.

I trust that all goes well with your wife's surgery and that she will have a complete and speedy recovery.

Sincerely,

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W. E. Colby  
Director

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

February 20, 1974

Honorable William E. Colby  
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Dear Mr. Colby:

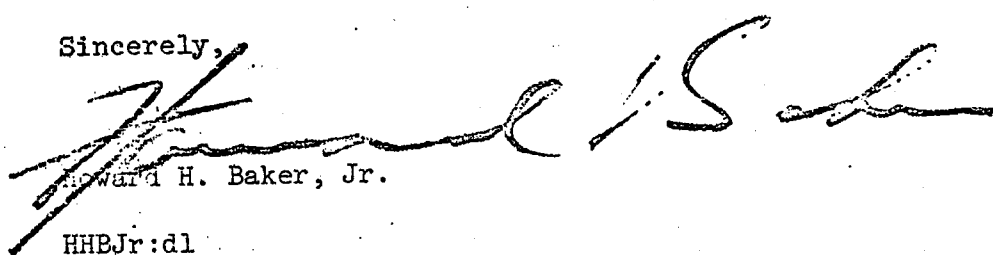
I enclose herewith a memorandum from Fred Thompson, Minority Counsel of the Watergate Committee, to me of this date. The memorandum is in rough form and contains a good bit of editorial comment, but I wanted you to see it in its original form.

I very much fear the impression I have is that we are not getting the information we need as promptly as we need it and with appropriate arrangements for convenient access.

I talked to Mrs. Pindar today to advise her that this memorandum was being dispatched by messenger. My wife will be entering the hospital tomorrow for elective surgery, and I will be unavailable for a little while. I will plan to try to be in touch with you by telephone as soon as I reasonably can.

In the meantime, I would be deeply grateful for your attention to these matters, and if you find it necessary to discuss the matter with Fred Thompson, he, of course, will be glad to go into the situation further.

Sincerely,



Howard H. Baker, Jr.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Baker  
FROM: Fred Thompson  
SUBJECT: Requests of CIA

There are certain requests which the staff has made and which you have made personally which have not been complied with. They are listed below along with additional requests. At the present rate of compliance there is no way that we can conduct an adequate investigation with the amount of time allotted. Secondly, much of the material which has been shown to us is still being retained by [redacted] personally and is not on deposit with George Murphy. It is becoming so that we must have constant access to all of these materials and not be put in a position of having to call [redacted] each time we want to review an item. All materials should be on deposit with Murphy from now on.

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### I. PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED INFORMATION:

1. [redacted] insists you contact Colby directly in order to get [redacted] (Martinez' Case Officer) back from Vietnam for an interview.

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Note: Almost everyone connected with this affair is either retired or has been transferred.

2. The extent of CIA activities in Mexico in calendar year 1972.

Note: This was the basis of the Haldeman-Ehrlichman-Helms-Walters controversy.

3. Any previous relationship, contact, or reference in files to Bob Woodward.

4. The original shorthand notes of Barbara Pindar\*of Cushman/Ehrlichman telephone conversation of July 7, 1971, the transcription of which we were supplied this month after the notes were found in Walters' safe. We need all the original notes (10 stenographic notes) in the "brown folder" and also the folder. All of the notes have to do with White House conversations.

Note: You requested this approximately two weeks ago. Barbara Pindar is being interviewed tomorrow at 2:00 P.M. It would be most helpful to have these notes before then in order that we can have time to transcribe them ourselves.

5. Originals of all Martinez contact reports by   and not the "cut and paste" jobs of portions of certain reports that we have received.

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6. The "Watergate file" prepared by  and on file in Colby's office.

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Note: They tell us we have essentially everything that's in it but that, of course, is their evaluation.

## II. MATERIALS NOT PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED:

1. Logs or notebooks of technicians or others indicating the January 21, 1972 order to destroy tapes. Any other logs, notebooks or notations indicating any other destructions or orders to destroy tapes from 1963 to date, including the January 24, 1973 destruction order.

Note: Here again on the January 1973 destruction order, they have given us the language "...per Eliz", but we need to see the documents.

2. Originals or carbons of lists of tapes which were destroyed, compiled by technicians and presently kept in the Office of Security.

3. Copies or originals of any lists of tapes furnished to Elizabeth Dunlevy from which the decisions were made as to which tapes to destroy.

4. We have been furnished the dates of various room recordings. We need the names of any "guests" who participated in those conversations.

5. Logs, notebooks or any documentary evidence of technicians or others showing notation where Barbara Pindar requested technicians to supply the Hunt-Cushman tape.

\*Barbara Pindar is now Colby's secretary.

6. We need to examine the "Mr. Edward" file which Kruger has already testified they kept on Howard Hunt. Kruger told us this file was given to Colby.

Note: Again they will undoubtedly say we have the "essence" in information already supplied.

7. Address for [redacted]  (b)(3)

Note: [redacted] is former CIA Agent contacted by Hunt.  (b)(3)

8. Any contacts that [redacted] or [redacted] have had with the CIA since they left the CIA.  (b)(3)

Note: Hunt contacted all these people.  (b)(3)

9. [redacted] employment records.  (b)(3)

Note: As stated above, [redacted] was Martinez' Case Officer and he is now in Vietnam. The CIA is hopelessly confused  (b)(3)

as to when [redacted] left Miami and when [redacted] took over. The evidence is conflicting and it is certain that they have this information.  (b)(3)

10. Reports, memoranda, etc., of [redacted] debriefing after he returned to Washington after the break-in.

Note: [redacted] has testified that he discussed "this matter"  (b)(3)

with the [redacted]  (b)(3)

[redacted]  (b)(3)