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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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73-4765/5

29 August 1973

Mr. Richard Ben-Veniste  
Office of the Special Prosecutor  
1425 K Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Ben-Veniste:

Re: Watergate Defendants -- Bernard L. Barker  
and Eugenio R. Martinez

In accordance with our conversation this date, enclosed is the letter we request you deliver to Judge John J. Sirica, attached to which is the information about the service of Messrs. Bernard L. Barker and Eugene R. Martinez with the Agency. You will note that this information is classified **SECRET**. For your information, we have obtained security clearances for Messrs. Daniel E. Schultz and Albert W. Overby so that they can read these documents, if Judge Sirica so decides.

I am also enclosing for your information a copy of the letter we are sending to Schultz & Overby apprising them of what has occurred the last week or so in this case.

Please advise if I can be of any further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature Block]

John S. Warner  
ing General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Executive Secretary (EXECUTIVE SECRETARY)

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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29 August 1973

The Honorable John J. Sirica  
Chief Judge, United States District  
Court for the District of Columbia  
Room 2428  
3rd and Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Judge Sirica:

Re: Watergate Defendants -- Bernard L. Barker  
and Eugenio R. Martinez

On 13 August 1973 the Central Intelligence Agency received a letter from the law firm of Schultz & Overby requesting information about the service of certain of their clients with this Agency.

Enclosed is the information we have on Messrs. Bernard L. Barker and Eugenio R. Martinez, which you will note is classified SECRET. Schultz & Overby also requested information on Mr. Frank A. Sturgis on the assumption that he had been employed by the Agency, which in fact was not the case.

The Agency has no objection to the defendants and their defense counsel reading these documents, if appropriate. We have obtained security clearances for Messrs. Daniel E. Schultz and Albert W. Overby for this purpose.

Sincerely,

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John S. Warner  
General Counsel

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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29 August 1973

Daniel E. Schultz, Esq.  
Schultz & Overby  
1990 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Schultz:

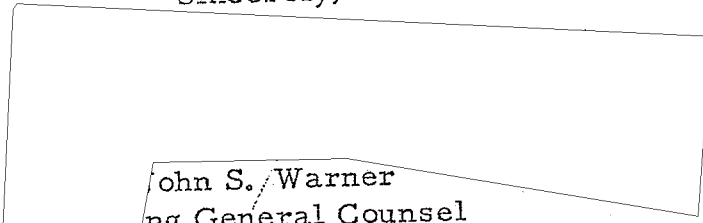
Re: Watergate Defendants -- Bernard L. Barker  
and Eugenio R. Martinez

Reference is made to your letter of August 13, 1973  
in which you requested information about the service of certain  
of your clients with this Agency.

Through the Office of the Special Prosecutor we have  
forwarded to Judge John J. Sirica the information you requested  
on Messrs. Bernard L. Barker and Eugenio R. Martinez. This  
information is classified SECRET and we have advised Judge  
Sirica that the Agency has no objection to either you or the  
defendants reading these documents.

You also requested similar information on Mr. Frank A.  
Sturgis based on your understanding that he was at one time em-  
ployed by the Agency. I believe Mr. Lawrence R. Houston advised  
Mr. Overby in a recent telephone conversation that Mr. Sturgis  
has never been employed by the CIA.

Sincerely,

  
John S. Warner  
Acting General Counsel

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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27 August 1973

Mr. Richard Ben-Veniste  
Office of the Special Prosecutor  
1425 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Ben-Veniste:

Re: Watergate Defendants

Reference is made to a letter of 20 August 1973 from Mr. Lawrence R. Houston of this Office in which we advised you that the law firm of Schultz & Overby had requested information about the service of their clients with this Agency.

In this connection, I am enclosing the information we have on Bernard L. Barker and Eugenio R. Martinez. We would appreciate your comments and suggestions on how this information should be provided to Schultz and Overby and Judge Sirica, since it is classified SECRET.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature Block]  
John S. Warner  
Acting General Counsel

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cc: Executive Secretary/w/cys enclosures

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## MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : Eugenio R. Martinez

Mr. Martinez, born 8 July 1922 in Pinar del Rio, Cuba, is a naturalized U.S. citizen. He was recruited by CIA in 1961 to

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At that time, he was being paid \$8,100 per year. Having been removed from normal civilian pursuits because of his Agency activities, Mr. Martinez was placed on a part-time retainer of \$100 per month, after the project was terminated to provide an opportunity for him to once again get into the mainstream of civilian life. During this period he provided occasional reports of interest to CIA. Mr. Martinez was terminated in absentia on 17 June 1972.

Mr. Martinez was a loyal and reliable employee during his years of association with the Agency

often under adverse conditions, willingly endangering his own life for the cause of the missions in which he strongly believed.

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## MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Bernard L. BARKER

1. Barker was born in Havana, Cuba on 17 March 1917 of a native-born U.S. father and a Cuban mother. His birth was recorded at the U.S. Embassy and he was recognized as having acquired U.S. citizenship by birth through the citizenship of his father. He traveled, not on a U.S. passport, but on an identity card proclaiming his U.S. citizenship. He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, was shot down on his 12th mission over Germany and was a prisoner of war for 16 months. He was honorably separated with the rank of Captain. In 1950, along with several Cuban-born U.S. citizens who were war veterans, he entered the Cuban police force, where his bilingual abilities soon brought him advancement.

2. Barker's relationship with CIA began in mid-1959 in Havana as the result of his position with the Cuban police force, under the Batista regime, in which capacity he was detailed to liaison duty with U.S. agencies in Havana.

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5. Barker's contract at \$500 a month was renewed yearly until his termination effective 31 July 1966 which was amicable and resulted from the change in times and the resulting change in CIA activities in which Barker did not fit because of his previously widely known association with the Agency. Because of Barker's loyal and productive service during his six years' contractual association with the Agency, his contract was further amended to include payment of a one-time termination bonus of \$1,500. The Agency also assisted Barker in getting a job in private industry. Barker left the Miami area on 13 August 1966 to undergo a four week training period for a supervisory position in which he was to work in a liaison capacity between management and the company's Cuban work force at a salary of \$180 per week (60 hour week) plus expenses. At the time of his CIA termination, Barker wanted it to be made a matter of record that he would drop everything and rejoin CIA at a moment's notice in any capacity or salary level, if his services should ever be required again. As required of persons under a contractual relationship with CIA, Barker signed a Termination Secrecy Oath on 12 August 1966, thus prohibiting him from divulging any matters relating to his association with the Agency.

6. While under CIA contract, Barker was a loyal and dedicated employee who responded without hesitation to various requirements placed upon him. He was totally committed to Agency objectives and provided CIA with valuable information during his contract tenure.

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