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STATE OF VIRGINIA)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF FAIRFAX)

I, JOHN W. COFFEY, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I was assigned as Deputy Director of Support, Central Intelligence Agency, from 1 January 1971 to 17 March 1973.

2. The purpose of this statement is to record my knowledge and recollections on the matter of the psychiatric studies on Dr. Daniel Ellsberg prepared by the Agency's Office of Medical Services in the latter part of 1971. My direct recollections of the events from August to November 1971 have been refreshed, supplemented and corrected by reference to statements of Dr. John R. Tietjen, [redacted] and Mr. Howard J. Osborn, to certain diary and informal notes of mine which I located and to copies of cover sheets and routing papers forwarding the ultimate documents to Mr. Helms. I have added a few notes which relate to or might relate to security reviews after the Pentagon papers were released.

3. I was informed, I believe initially by Drs. Tietjen and [redacted] of a White House requirement, conveyed by Mr. David Young, for a psychiatric study on Dr. Daniel Ellsberg, which after careful consideration was approved by the Director of Central Intelligence. The initial document which was seen by the Director prior to transmittal to Mr. Young was not considered adequate and an expanded requirement was then stated by Mr. Young. (Dr. Tietjen believes I was informed of the requirement and shown the first document on 10 August 1971; I have no recollection or notes on this incident. I know I returned from leave on 2 August.)

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4. On 20 August 1971 Drs. Tietjen and [] discussed with me the expanded requirement and we agreed that [] should see Mr. Young and explain the difficulties and problems involved in attempting to meet his request. We hoped that the requirement would be withdrawn. On 26 August 1971 Dr. Tietjen advised me that [] had seen Mr. Young and Mr. Hunt; I do not have details on the substance of the discussion.

5. My next recollection and informal record indicate that on 15 October I again met with Drs. Tietjen and [] [] brought me up to date on contacts with Mr. Young and Mr. Hunt in the interim including a call from Mr. Young late in September. More material had been provided by Mr. Hunt. [] was asked when the paper would be forthcoming. We agreed that [] should again see Mr. Young to explain the continuing problems and deficiencies in trying to satisfy the requirement. On 28 October [] met with me. [] reported on his meeting the previous day with Mr. Young, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Liddy also being present. He was pressed to produce the study within a week and they specified that the paper was to bear no signature, no watermark and no subject's name. Interest was expressed in the subject's sexual proclivities and in how he might be manipulated. Mr. Young also made it known that he had talked earlier with the DCI and Mr. Young inferred to [] that the Agency was to provide anything upon his (Mr. Young's) request. Later on 28 October 1971 in the course of a luncheon meeting with Mr. Helms I mentioned the continuing pressure on [] from Mr. Young. I believe I told him that [] had been requested to prepare a second paper subject to review and possible discussion with Mr. Helms.

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From other records it would appear that shortly thereafter I passed to Dr. Tietjen the DCI's views and his desire that after the paper was completed I should make an appointment for [] and me to see him (Mr. Helms).

6. On 8 November 1971 I met again with Drs. Tietjen and [] who reported that Mr. Young was pressing for the paper. Evidently they had the study and we discussed getting it to Mr. Helms. By informal memorandum dated 9 November 1971 I forwarded to Mr. Helms both the studies which had been prepared with comments and suggestions as to handling. From notes I have reconstructed what I believe subsequently happened. The Director telephoned me to say he had read the papers and that the expanded study should be delivered. He was returning the papers to me to accomplish this. He had also decided to send a letter to Mr. Young which he asked that I draft. Mr. Helms changed my draft and sent the revised letter to Mr. Young. Meanwhile I passed the papers returned by Mr. Helms to Dr. Tietjen asking that [] deliver the second study to Mr. Young but only after we knew that Mr. Helms' letter to Mr. Young had been signed and was en route. I do not recall when I received word that the letter had been sent but I believe it was 9 November. On 17 November 1971 Dr. Tietjen advised me that [] had delivered the study to Mr. Young. Mr. Young had had further questions but it was still hoped that the matter was closed. I passed this to Mr. Helms on 18 November.

7. I did not see the material on which either study was based and I had no knowledge of the sources of the materials provided by the White House staff members.

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8. To the best of my knowledge I have never seen Mr. Hunt, Mr. Liddy or Mr. Krogh. I saw Mr. Young on one occasion when I attended a large meeting at the National Archives at which he was introduced in connection with his role in the revision of the Executive Order on security classifications.

9. I do not have the recollection or feeling of having been charged directly with satisfying this White House requirement. To the best of my knowledge I received no instructions in the matter prior to my raising the subject with the DCI on 28 October. Until that final phase it was more that I was being kept informed about and discussing plans and actions on an OMS activity on which the basic DCI "go" decision had been made outside normal command channels, a process not unusual especially in matter of great sensitivity. There is no question but that throughout the entire period all concerned were very uncomfortable and uneasy about this task and strongly desired and preferred to have the Agency relieved of responsibility for meeting it.

10. My informal notes include the following items not directly concerning the psychiatric studies but of possible interest in the Pentagon Papers atmosphere at the time:

a. On 1 July 1971 we initiated an urgent review of

[redacted] On 2 July

the Director of Logistics advised that DOD was to pick up all classified material from [redacted]

[redacted] On 7 July I was advised that [redacted] Agency

security officer assigned to the [redacted]

[redacted] would also go to [redacted] There were various

other reports on this subject on subsequent days.

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b. On 6 July Mr. Osborn informed me of a request from Mr. Latimer at the White House for the clearance status of a number of named members of the former administration. I subsequently got approval from the Executive Director to provide a strictly factual response.

c. On 7 July Mr. Osborn advised that General Cushman had received a telephone call from Mr. Ehrlichman advising that Mr. Howard Hunt had been appointed a security consultant at the White House.

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JOHN W. COFFEY

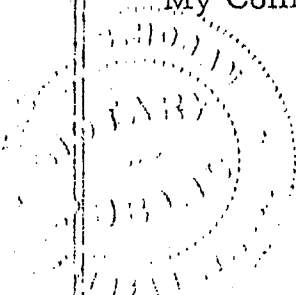
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SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 25th day of May, 1973

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A Notary Public in and for the County of Fairfax, Virginia.

My Commission Expires: 5 October 1973



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