

Executive Registry

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Watergate Case - Telephone Call to the Director from
Mr. John Hennifin, Time Magazine

1. On Friday, 20 October, the Director received a telephone call from Mr. John Hennifin of Time magazine. Mr. Hennifin said that, as Time's investigator into the Watergate case, he had developed a name who might be working for CIA, in which case the Agency would be very directly connected with the Watergate case. He asked for the Director's comments.

2. The name was [redacted] currently a lawyer [redacted] with the firm of [redacted]. He supposedly worked at some time for the [redacted] between 1945-1958 for the [redacted], and from 1958 to 1959 was the [redacted] for the [redacted]. The Director checked with the Office of Personnel and was informed that [redacted] worked for the Agency for a short time in the early '50's as a GS-12 on contract [redacted]. The Agency's relationship with him ended in 1954.

3. The Director called Mr. Hennifin back and informed him of the above. Mr. Hennifin expressed appreciation, saying this in effect gave him the green light to go ahead with the story, as the last item he had been looking into was possible CIA involvement.

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