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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM:

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Office of General Counsel

SUBJECT:

DoJ/OSI Investigation of Klaus Barbie: HPSCI
Inquiry

1. Bernie Raimo, of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) telephoned me on 3 June 1983 regarding the Department of Justice's and HPSCI's investigations of Klaus Barbie. Mr. Raimo asked if anything had come up since our meeting at HPSCI on 11 May 1983. I said that Mr. Ryan had sent in a few more requests for name traces and that he had told me that Justice had asked the Government of France for permission to interview Klaus Barbie.

2. Mr. Raimo asked if we could meet during the afternoon of Tuesday, 7 June. I checked my calendar and I am tied up from about 1:00 to 3:00 that day with a meeting at Commerce. I explained to Mr. Raimo that I would be unable to schedule a meeting at that time, but could meet with him later that afternoon or another day. He said that he was tied up the rest of the week of 6 June, so we would have to plan on meeting the following week (13-17 June). I said fine, and told him that as of 3 June I was free everyday during the week of 13 June except for the morning of the 15th and all day the 16th. He said he'll call me during the week of 6 June and we can set up a meeting at that time.

3. Mr. Raimo also asked if the Agency had an opinion about how HPSCI and the member Congressmen should respond to constituent inquiries about alleged U.S. Government assistance to Klaus Barbie. I told Mr. Raimo that I thought responses concerning the DoJ/OSI Barbie investigation were a matter for HPSCI coordination with Allan A. Ryan, Jr., but that I would check with [] about this matter. I checked with [] and he and I agreed that Mr. Raimo should be told:

- that the Agency is not in a position to advise the HPSCI about how to respond to constituents

- how Mr. Casey responded to the inquiry from Representative Stratton

- that Raimo or others should not, of course, divulge any classified information conveyed to them by the Agency (reference my meeting with Raimo of 11 May 1983).

4. I called Mr. Raimo back approximately an hour after the above-mentioned telephone call and was told that he had gone home for the day. I left my name and number for him to call me back on Monday, 6 June.

5. Mr. Raimo called me on 6 June and I told him that [] agreed with me that the CIA was not in a position to advise HPSCI about how to respond to constituents regarding this matter and that he may wish to coordinate with DoJ/OSI regarding the handling of such inquiries. I then read Mr. Casey's response to Representative Stratton, of 22 April 1983, to Mr. Raimo. Mr. Raimo asked if this meant that they could respond that thus far HPSCI had not uncovered any evidence of CIA assistance to Klaus Barbie. I repeated my statement that any such statements would, from our point of view, have to be coordinated with Mr. Ryan. I also cautioned Mr. Raimo that neither he nor other members of HPSCI should divulge any classified information conveyed to him in our meeting of 11 May to constituents.

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