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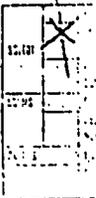
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: / Klaus Barbie, et al

1. On 21 July 1983, [ ] of the Office of General Counsel (OGC) advised undersigned that Alan Ryan, DOJ/OSI, has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, 28 July, with Department of Army (DOA) attorneys to discuss the declassification and release of information contained in certain military documents concerned with DOJ's investigation of U.S. Government's involvement in the Barbie affair. [ ] requested that undersigned attend this meeting along with her and/or Mr. [ ]

2. The issue at hand is the declassification and release of sensitive military information which will require a policy waiver from the Intelligence Community's Director, Mr. Casey; e.g., an official acknowledgment of a source and details of operations that DOA feels would damage, among other things, foreign relations. DOJ is apparently taking the position that the release of this particular information will provide a more definitive explanation for DOA's actions re operational use of Barbie and their subsequent decision to provide Barbie with a new identity and relocation to Bolivia in 1951. (the above is essentially the situation according to Roger Pierce (DOA) per our telecom on 21 July.)

3. As OGC explained to the undersigned, they are obligated to attend this meeting in their capacity as Mr. Casey's lawyers and their responsibility to advise him in any future action which may be relegated to him; undersigned's presence is necessary because it is essential they have a witness with an operational background and who is familiar with the case who can act as an "interpreter" (as needed) when DOA presents its arguments against the release of their information relevant to the case.



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