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1. [REDACTED]

2. AFTER CAREFUL REFLECTION, IT OCCURS TO ME THAT THE REFERENCE IN [REDACTED] TO SENATOR BAKER'S TELLING GOLDWATER ABOUT "THE YEOMAN STORY" IS UNNECESSARILY OPAQUE, HENCE THE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION. ACCORDING TO GOLDWATER, WHAT BAKER PROPOSED TO HIM WITHIN THE RECENT PAST WAS ROUGHLY AS FOLLOWS: WHY DON'T WE DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM THE WHITE HOUSE BY GETTING THE STORY OUT IN PUBLIC ABOUT ADMIRAL MOORER SPYING ON KISSINGER'S OFFICE BY USING THIS YEOMAN WHO THEN LEAKED ALL THE INFORMATION TO JACK ANDERSON? IN OTHER WORDS, BAKER WAS PROPOSING A PLOY TO BLAME MOORER FOR SOMETHING HE DID NOT DO. ADMIRAL WIELANDER'S JCS OFFICE IN THE NSC APPARATUS WAS OPEN AND ABOVE-BOARD AND EVERYONE KNEW WHY IT WAS THERE. THAT IT WAS CLOSED DOWN AFTER THE FLAP ABOUT THE ANDERSON PAPERS DOES NOT ALTER THIS FACT. I TOLD SENATOR GOLDWATER THAT BAKER HAD GIVEN HIM A

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BIASED STORY AND INDICATED THAT THE ACTUAL BACKGROUND WAS AS GIVEN ABOVE. TO SUM UP, HERE WAS EVIDENCE OF BAKER ATTEMPTING TO HELP OUT THE WHITE HOUSE BY ATTEMPTING TO DAMAGE MOORER. INCIDENTALLY, LAIRD IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH "THE YEOMAN STORY" AS ARE KISSINGER, HAIG, AND PRESUMABLY SCHLESINGER BUT THERE APPARENTLY WAS A HIGHEST LEVEL DECISION TO SIT ON IT AT THE TIME THEY NAILED THE YEOMAN. I HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF HOW BAKER GOT ON TO IT.

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3.

WHEN I SAW KISSINGER FOR A FEW MINUTES LATE ON WEDNESDAY, AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 28, HE TOLD ME THAT A FEW DAYS BEFORE HE HAD HAD A CALL FROM AL HAIG PROPOSING THAT SENATOR BAKER BE PERMITTED TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE AGENCY KNEW ABOUT THE WATERGATE BURGLARY 30 MINUTES BEFORE IT OCCURRED AND THEREFORE HAD SOME RELATIONSHIP TO IT. KISSINGER SAYS HE REPLIED TO HAIG, "TO DO THIS WOULD BE WILDLY IRRESPONSIBLE." APPARENTLY THE PROPOSAL WAS DROPPED, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT IT INDICATED A KIND OF DESPERATION ON THE PART OF THE WHITE HOUSE WITH SENATOR BAKER PREPARED TO PLAY A HELPFUL ROLE. IT IS

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STILL NOT CLEAR TO ME WHETHER HE WOULD HAVE BEEN BASING HIS ALLEGATION ON INFORMATION FROM MARTINEZ OR JUST WHAT. IN ANY EVENT, [REDACTED] I SUCCEEDED IN REACHING SENATOR JACKSON BY TELEPHONE [REDACTED] TOLD HIM OF THIS POSSIBLE PLOY, AND ASKED HIM TO STAND UP AND TAKE ON SENATOR BAKER IF ANY OF THIS WERE TO EVENTUATE. HE PROMISED TO DO SO. [REDACTED]

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4. ONE CAN DO CONSIDERABLE CONJECTURING ABOUT SENATOR BAKER'S MOTIVES, BUT [REDACTED] PRESIDENTIAL AMBITIONS CAN EXPLAIN A LOT OF THINGS.

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