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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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On 28 December I met with Secretary Kissinger privately on another matter, but added that I was concerned at a statement by Mr. Helms. This was that Secretary Kissinger had told him that General Haig had proposed that Senator Baker be permitted to make a statement to the effect that the Agency was involved in the Watergate burglary. I said that the Helms' statement was a bit ambiguous as it did not indicate whether General Haig's proposal was one of asking for Secretary Kissinger's comments on whether the Agency was likely to have been so involved or whether it was a more direct proposal that Senator Baker take this initiative. Secretary Kissinger immediately stated that Haig's remarks were clearly in the form of a solicitation of Secretary Kissinger's comments on the merits. I fully agreed, as I said that I could not believe General Haig to have had any other motive in view of what I knew about General Haig. Secretary Kissinger vigorously concurred.

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