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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting in Plains, Georgia,
19 November 1976, 1:00 to
2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: President-Elect Carter
Vice President-Elect Mondale
George Bush
[REDACTED] *GB*

The following subjects were covered:

1. Personal. I discussed the DCI situation, expressing my strong view that the DCI should have direct access to the President; that the President should have confidence in the DCI; and that the organization at CIA and the Community would be strongly supportive of the President. (ITEM I - OUTLINE NOTES)

2. Electronic Surveillance. I briefed according to the Tab B and the briefing paper entitled, "Warrantless Electronic Surveillance." I did not fully utilize Tab B, but did cover points 1 through 4 in the Tab B Summary in Warrantless Electronic Surveillance paper. (ITEM II) } BRIEFING PAPER held in IC Staff (Adm. Showers)

3. Sensitive Human Collection Matters. I briefed according to attached papers (IIIA and IIIB). I showed the President-Elect the [REDACTED] report dated 8 September 1976. He simply glanced at it. I emphasized that people's lives were at stake and covered all of the substance in the summary sheet and in the talking paper (IIIA). [REDACTED]

On IIIB, I covered, under Data, paragraphs 1 through 3. (N.B. I forgot to cover the [REDACTED] series during this briefing, but at the very end of the intelligence briefing in [REDACTED]) XEROY TO DDC/DDI

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his living room, I pulled the President-Elect aside, showed him a [redacted] message [redacted] and linked the sensitivity of [redacted] with the sensitivity of [redacted]. During the private briefing, I emphasized over and over again the need for full security and the very limited distribution that we give this kind of intelligence.

4. Middle East. I generally followed the outline of IVa. I emphasized that CIA had very special direct contacts in the Middle East. I discussed the growing feeling at the Agency, which is shared by Secretary Kissinger, of an uneasiness in the Middle East. I told the President-Elect that if it would be useful to him, I would be glad to take a trip to stress "continuity" or any other theme that would be useful to him. I told him that Kissinger felt that this trip had some merit and perhaps they could discuss it when Kissinger comes to Plains on November 20th. There was no reference to the Brookings Institution study referred to in Paragraph 4 of Alan Wolfe's briefing paper.

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I briefed him on the MIG-23 exploitation project in accordance with the cable, IVb (attached).

5. I showed the President-Elect the President's Daily Brief. I told him of its limited distribution and told him that on the instruction of President Ford we were prepared to furnish him with this kind of material starting immediately. This was later discussed in the full briefing session. (~~XXXX~~) (ITEM V)

ITEM V,
PDB referred
to WHSS-
(Reviewing)

6. I briefed him generally on Agee, using cable (VI) as a guide, although I did not go into all of that detail. I did make clear that Agee had Soviet and DGI contacts, that he was being thrown out of England by the British, that I was concerned what would happen if he came back to this country and tried to get across to the President-Elect that Agee was not simply a disenchanted former CIA employee who wanted to clean up the Agency. Rather he was something much more sinister.

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7. Palestine Liberation Organization. I briefed the President-Elect, using my memo to Secretary Kissinger (VII).

8. [redacted]

9. FBIS. I handed the President-Elect an unclassified FBIS report, "Foreign Press Reactions to the Election of President-Elect Carter," or a title something close to this.

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with CARTER -

10. Shadrin. I briefed on Shadrin. I did not go into detail on the operation. I warned him that he could be contacted by Mrs. Shadrin or Mr. Copaken and that should this happen, we would be glad to furnish him more detail. I just touched generally on the Shadrin case. I did tell Mr. Carter that President Ford had seen Mrs. Shadrin. The matter was left that if he needed more information he would contact us.

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(ITEM X)

11. Panama. I showed the President-Elect the cable, [REDACTED]. He read it. I further told him that [REDACTED] had recommended to Torrijos that President-Elect Carter come to Panama immediately after he assumed office, and told him Torrijos had rejected this proposal to visit Panama.

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(ITEM XI)

12. St. John's Church. I gave the President-Elect a personal letter from John Harper, asking the President-Elect to worship at St. John's Church. The President-Elect said he felt sure that he would be able to do this.

(ITEM XII)

General Comments

As I look back on it, there is one strange thing. There was no comment and almost no questions during the entirety of the briefing above. The briefing lasted almost an hour, covered a list of highly sensitive subjects and the President-Elect never indicated that he thought these operations were good or bad, that he was surprised or unsurprised. He registered no emotion of any kind, asked for little follow-up and frankly seemed a little impatient at the end of my presentation of these items. Perhaps it was because he knew that there was a full plate waiting for him in the next room of several more hours of briefings. I am unable to give an opinion at this juncture as to whether the President-Elect plans major reorganization of the Intelligence Community, whether he supports human intelligence or not, whether he was pleased that we have these special arrangements and that we have such excellent sourcing. I frankly just don't know.

~~TOP SECRET~~

Addendum to Carter Briefing.

I emphasized the need to be very careful using the telephone. I gave him some indication of the Soviet capabilities to read phone calls, to copy thermofax transmissions and to penetrate in many ways.

} ADD'D TO
PARA 3 above
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Later in the major briefing, I mentioned Mrs. Luce's phone call, urging that Carter or some one of his people, meet with Andreotti because of the critical situation in Italy. President-Elect Carter turned to Mondale and suggested that he might have such a meeting.

} ITEM XIII
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George Bush
Director

Attachment