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RE *Today's briefing.*

Many thanks, I think it was extremely helpful. If you could get back to us on loose ends and that letter, we'd be appreciative. If we could also get back to you with any add'l Q's on Mana.

*Thanks
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Questions for CIA and NSA representatives

Background

As you know, there have been many published reports and allegations that the airport in Mena, Arkansas, was the base for a significant operation, allegedly in support of contra operations in Central America.

Planes reportedly flew arms to the Contras in Nicaragua and returned from Central America with drugs, and the proceeds from the sale of these drugs was then supposedly [redacted] in Arkansas, possibly with the knowledge of state authorities and the involvement of companies called Park-o-Meter and Systematics. There are tales that some of this [redacted]

Please understand that I am not interested in launching a new probe of our Contra policy with the intent of suggesting wrongdoing by your agencies. What I am obligated to do is probe Whitewater-related allegations so that they can be proven true or false, as well as certain other issues that fall under the jurisdiction of the Banking and International Relations committees on which I serve. There is a lot of smoke here and possibly very little fire. Nevertheless, it is important that I be able to affirm that all allegations have been thoroughly reviewed.

General Questions

-- Have any of you or anyone else at either the CIA or the NSA discussed this inquiry from us with anyone at the White House, the Department of Justice or any other government organization?

-- Does the CIA or NSA have knowledge of or any involvement in clandestine activity by the U.S. Government or any private parties in or near Mena, Arkansas, in the 1980s?

-- Have any reports on activities in and around Mena been prepared for the DCI, specifically, for former Director Woolsey?

A. Gun Smuggling

-- Did the CIA or NSA have any involvement in, or knowledge of, any operation by the U.S. government or the so-called "private benefactors" (led by retired Gen. Richard Secord) to train pilots and/or ship arms from the Rich inter-mountain regional airport at Mena to the Nicaraguan Contras?

-- If so, did any such activities take place with the knowledge or approval of other Federal officials?

-- Did any such activities take place with the knowledge or approval of Arkansas state government officials?

-- Did the CIA contract with any Arkansas manufacturers to build automatic weapons for the Nicaraguan Contras?

-- Does the CIA or NSA have any contractual relationship with, or knowledge of, an Arkansas company called Park-o-Meter, also known as POM? Do you have any reason to believe that POM produced disposable fuel tanks for use by Barry Seal and possibly others in connection with supplying arms to the Contras?

B. Barry Seal and Associates

-- Did the CIA or NSA have any contractual or other relationship with the late Adler Barriman "Barry" Seal (Seal was murdered, allegedly at the direction of Columbian drug lords, in Feb. 1986)?

-- To your knowledge, did any other government agency (such as the DEA or DIA) have any contractual or other relationship with Barry Seal?

-- Is the CIA or NSA aware of any IRS determination that money earned by Seal between 1984 and 1986 was not illegal because of his alleged CIA-DEA employment?

-- Did the CIA have any involvement in, or knowledge of, the installation of cameras on Seal's C-123K transport plane for

use in a 1984 "sting" operation against the Sandinista official Federico Vaughan?

-- Was Seal's C-123K cargo plane, christened Fat Lady (serial number 54-0679), sold by Seal to the CIA or any other U.S.-government related entity? Was this plane later shot down over Nicaragua with a load of arms destined for the Contras?

-- Did the CIA have any contractual or other relationship with Terry Reed, a former Air Force intelligence officer (who claims he had a relationship with the CIA in the 1980s) and author of Compromised: Clinton, Bush and the CIA?

-- Did the CIA ever have dealings with former Arkansas State Trooper L.D. Brown?

-- Is the CIA or NSA aware of any attempts by federal or state officials to interfere with or terminate any investigation the IRS, Justice Department, Arkansas State Police or any other law-enforcement authorities into Mena-related criminal conduct?

C. Narcotics Smuggling

-- Did the CIA or NSA have any knowledge of or involvement in illicit narcotics trafficking, possibly by rogue operatives, in or near Mena, Arkansas? As you know, there have been allegations that on

their return flights from Central America, pilots smuggled more than 20 tons of cocaine into Mena.

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-- Did the CIA or NSA have any indication that

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[Redacted]

-- Does the CIA or NSA know of any [Redacted] or more ever held by U.S. citizens domiciled in Arkansas at anytime between 1988 and now?

-- Is the CIA or NSA aware, directly or indirectly, of any efforts by

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

-- Does the CIA have the capability of

[Redacted]

-- Does the NSA have the capability of

[Redacted]

-- [Redacted] does CIA and/or NSA have the capability, directly or through another party, of

[Redacted]

-- Does CIA or NSA have the authority to

[Redacted]

-- Has CIA or NSA ever

[Redacted]

-- Does the CIA maintain a team of skilled computer hackers who routinely break into the electronic data systems of foreign banks? According to one source, this group

is informally known as the Fifth Column.
Correct?

-- Does the NSA

-- Does the CIA or NSA know of or has either agency participated in, directly or indirectly, efforts to sell software-- notably versions of a program in use at the Justice Department called PROMIS --or other devices to foreign banks for the purpose of facilitating of their electronic data systems.

-- Does the CIA or NSA know of customers to whom this software has been sold?

-- Is the CIA or NSA aware of any attempts by

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-- Has the CIA or NSA received any indication that proceeds from the sale of PROMIS or similar software were used to finance arms shipments to the Contras?

-- Are there any indications of

[Redacted]

-- Is the CIA or NSA aware of any unauthorized efforts, possibly in the margin of legitimate intelligence operations, to

[Redacted]

-- Does CIA or NSA know of a Charles Hayes, who was born on 4/27/35, whose social security number is [Redacted] and who now resides in Nancy, Kentucky?

-- If so, has Hayes ever had any ties to the CIA or NSA or any other U.S. government agency? Have these ties been severed?

-- Hayes claims to be able to break into the electronic data systems of foreign banks. Has CIA [Redacted]

[Redacted]

-- Is NSA or CIA aware of an account, number b-142AB2, at the Banca Della Svizzera Italiana in Chiasso, said to have belonged to Vincent Foster?

-- Is either the CIA or NSA aware of any foreign governments that might have provided arms, money or assistance to any group operating out of Mena?