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15 May 1964, 1455-1625 hours, French Room

Agency: DCI, Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Chretien

Guests: Mr. David Wise and Mr. Ross

DCI: Hello, Mr. Wise. How are you?

GUEST: Fine.

DCI: I'm glad to see you.

GUEST: Mr. Ross, Mr. McCone.

DCI: Mr. Ross - glad to see you. Let's sit down here, where we can sit around the table. You know Mr. Kirkpatrick--

GUEST: I don't think so.

DCI: Mr. Wise, and Mr. Ross.

GUEST: How are you? It's nice to see you, sir.

DCI: Sit right here. Well thank you for coming down. I'm sorry about lunch, but I--

GUEST: You had lunch with a more lofty figure.

DCI: Well, the President called an NSC meeting at twelve o'clock, which you'll probably read all about in the evening papers because he had the leadership and that always comes out in the press, and then just as I was leaving he asked if I would stay for lunch with McNamara and Rusk and

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in my life. The fact is I don't call -- I never had to call Senator Fulbright at his home about any subject except a social engagement.

GUEST: Well I don't -- it just seems to me that we have in both these cases an obvious case of a difference of expression by two different sources. We believe -- we are confident that any fact which is in the book has been authoritatively stated to us by multiple sources. If the sources -- which we find very difficult to believe -- have been inaccurate, as you claim, it somewhat astonishes us.

DCI: Well, let me take one case here. You make a case of the Phoumi government created by CIA and the Pentagon at a cost of 300 million dollars, and as you go through this chapter, and you deal elsewhere with this instrument of the Phoumi government as a creature of CIA and the Pentagon. Now I went through all of that not as a part of the intelligence apparatus but as a member of the National Security Council when I was chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, because it was in that period. The fact is that except for these references to me, the incidents in the book pre-date me, because they go back into the Bay of Pigs, into the Iranian situation, and the Guatemala situation, and so forth -- they're all before my time. There's remarkably little substantive business in the book that took place in the last two and a half years.

GUEST: That's not just by accident either.

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