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Project "A"

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Counsel to the Director

Mitch:

1. I recently sent you a memorandum concerning the endeavors of a House Select Committee employee to line-up some witnesses from the private sector. In that memorandum reference was made to Project AQUILINE and you have asked concerning it.

2. AQUILINE was primarily a developmental project, although some research was involved, to develop a miniaturized flying platform with a multi-sensor carrying capability for clandestine acquisition of technical intelligence. Having said that and to put it in simple vernacular, it was a high characteristic operating model plane with a lot of expensive gadgetry. It was a DD/S&T undertaking, conducted by the Office of Research and Development, and its life span was probably four years or so. Total cost of the undertaking was about [redacted] dollars during its life span, all Agency-funded money. For a variety of reasons it never met operational standards and Dick Helms eventually ordered cessation of any further investment.

3. I have given this the general parameters as I remember and understand them. If you desire to pursue it any further, I suggest you make inquiries of Carl Duckett.

[redacted]
John F. Blake
Deputy Director
for
Administration

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