*Watergate*

22 May 1973

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Inquiries re Watergate

Following the Director's instructions today, I interviewed the following individuals by phone or in person.

1. Colonel Lawrence K. White. I explained we were looking for any additional indications of Agency contact with any of the principal figures in the Watergate affair, to include the "plumbers group" in the White House, i. e. Ehrlichman, Haldeman, Dean, Krogh, Hunt, Liddy, Young, etc. I asked whether Colonel White had had any knowledge of any contact with these individuals other than the ones that had already appeared in the press. Colonel White reminded me that he had frequently been left out of such relationships and said he only recalled going to the White House a few times on budget problems aside from some contact with Mr. Young on the problems of classification and declassification. He had not been aware of the Interagency Evaluation Committee.

2. Elizabeth C. Dunlevy. I described our problems of locating additional indicators of contacts with the above and asked whether Mr. Helms might have had any other separate meetings or discussions on these subjects. Mrs. Dunlevy said that Mr. Helms had helped Mr. Hunt to locate a possible movie producer for his books but had stepped out of the relationship as soon as contact had been made. She thought this was in the 1970 time frame but after his departure from the Agency. She recalled the McCord letter in July 1972 and the fact it had been taken by the Office of Security after discussion. She said she could recall no other contacts between Mr. Hunt and Mr. Helms. I asked her about the transcripts of Mr. Helms' telephone conversations which he had made a practice of writing up for record convenience and she said these had all been destroyed prior to Mr. Helms' departure.

(Separately I asked Mr. Osborn to locate the original tapes if possible and have them re-examined.) In short, Mrs. Dunlevy said she had no additional leads or tips to offer us for additional activities which might have been generated by the "plumbers group."

3. Thomas H. Karamessines. I telephoned Mr. Karamessines and explained a bit of the background and our need to run down any leads to any other activities we might have been engaged in with the "plumbers group" above. Mr. Karamessines recalled the original arrangement by General Cushman to give support to Mr. Hunt and his own "pique" at the fact this had been arranged by Mr. Wagner with TSD rather than going through him. He confessed that if he had been consulted he probably would have acceded to the direction, with which I concurred with respect to myself. Aside from that incident Mr. Karamessines said he had no other leads or tips to offer and he felt quite sure his own style and discipline of running the DDP was such he would have known of any other involvement and made sure of its propriety and authority. I concurred.

4. [redacted] I spoke to [redacted] with reference to her earlier relationship with [redacted] and asked whether there were any contacts with [redacted] which might give us some leads on any other activities of this "plumbers group" with our organization. [redacted] said that she could only recall one contact that [redacted] told her he had had with Mr. Hunt following which [redacted] asked her to obtain the office telephone numbers of two individuals in CIA for Mr. Hunt. She has forgotten the names and has long since destroyed her notebook although she had the feeling the names were something in TSD. She said this took place some-time in the summer of 1971. Other than this she said she had no contribution to offer other than her earlier comments with respect to [redacted]

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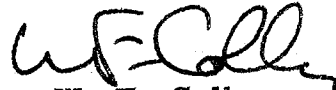
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5. [redacted] I telephoned [redacted] and asked him about his contacts with Mr. Young in relationship to classification-declassification. I particularly asked if he had had any further contacts.

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[redacted] said he only had one contact with Mr. Young and that most of his dealings had been with Mr. Tufaro. All of these meetings were purely on mundane matters of classification and declassification. Indeed most involved stress on the need to declassify more material rather than to plug leaks.

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