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The Honorable Henry E. Petersen  
 Assistant Attorney General  
 Criminal Division  
 Department of Justice  
 Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Petersen:

In answer to a request from your office, I wish to explain the language contained in a memorandum dated 28 July 1972, prepared and given to the Acting Director of the FBI on 28 July 1972. This memorandum was an attachment to a memorandum from Richard Helms, Director of Central Intelligence, to the Attorney General, dated 24 October 1972, subject "Watergate Incident".

The penultimate sentence of paragraph 2 says: "We developed one roll of film for Mr. Hunt, of which we have copies showing some unidentifiable place, possibly Rand Corporation." The tentative assumption of Rand Corporation was derived from other pictures of commercial Xerox establishments among those developed. Since CIA had been told the operation related to investigating leaks of national security information and California license plates were shown in the photographs, together with Xerox offices, it was suggested that perhaps the unidentified buildings could have been facilities used by the Rand Corporation. This identification of Rand Corporation was an assumption only and was not based on any evidence.

I prepared this memorandum on 28 July 1972 in the capacity of Executive Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. The speculative identification of the building as Rand Corporation was my own.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby

Executive Secretary  
 CIA Management Committee

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