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9 June 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Possible Additional Agency Support Furnished Howard Hunt

1. We have reported earlier an out-of-channel request by Howard Hunt for a name trace in December 1971 on a Costa Rican. This was put back in channels by forwarding the name trace report to Peter Jessup, who then held the position of senior Agency officer with the NSC Staff in EOB.

2. Jessup has submitted a memorandum dated 31 May 1973 (received in O/IG on 6 June) stating that Howard Hunt,

"submitted various names for Headquarters traces of certain Latin Americans, not in a sealed envelope. This was handled orally and by telephone I advised the chief of the appropriate division that they were being forwarded and to consult with the DDP about the propriety of responding. I also telephoned the DDP. I then wrote my own memo to General HAIG calling his attention to the fact that an individual--I named HUNT--was tracing foreign nationals without reference to the NSC Staff."

Haig is reported by Jessup as returning the memorandum with the word "thanks" noted on its face.

3. We have spoken with Rob Roy Ratliffe, Jessup's successor with the NSC Staff, who states (in conversations on 6 and 7 June) that it was not customary for Jessup to keep records of this sort of transaction, and that a search of the files does not disclose a copy of the memorandum to General Haig. Mrs. Evelyn De Pue (Jessup's secretary at the time and now Ratliffe's) spoke with Mrs. [redacted] at Headquarters, who reported a memorandum from Chief, WH Division, in December 1971 forwarding to Jessup a name trace on a Costa Rican (the one noted above) for Hunt. No other such records were found.

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4. Jessup is now on TDY at Headquarters and was interviewed (7 June by telephone and 8 June in person). He first recalled that "shortly after" Hunt was appointed to the White House--he thinks before the plumber unit was formed, although this is ex post facto reconstruction--Hunt made a request for name traces on Latin Americans. He thinks this involved Guatemalans and Costa Ricans. I pointed out that Hunt's White House appointment was 6 July 1971. As Jessup discussed it he placed the time the last couple of months of 1971 or the first month of 1972. He cannot recall how many name traces were involved, but is certain that the total was more than one--"just a few; five, three, two or four." He enclosed Hunt's request in an envelope and forwarded it with a note that someone had best check with Tom Karamessines as Hunt was no longer an Agency employee. Jessup says he didn't know what Hunt was doing or what he had in mind, and was concerned that Hunt might make Agency Secret name trace material available to outsiders. Jessup's office routinely handled a low volume of name trace requests from the NSC Staff, but always in such instances he knew who it was for and how it was to be used.

5. Jessup said that his office had little other contact with Hunt. He saw him in the elevator in EOB once or twice, but never had occasion to discuss business matters. Once someone phoned asking for Hunt's telephone extension (which was difficult to get, as the White House switchboard did not give out numbers freely). Out of curiosity he also got Hunt's room number and wandered down (he recalls it as Room 106 EOB) where he found a sign on the door saying "Plumber," very much as it might have said "Janitor." He attached no significance to it at the time, the term "Plumber" meaning nothing to him.

6. On one occasion Jessup took his daughter to Blues Alley, and saw Hunt there with some well-to-do Californians. He thought Hunt had some association with the place as a public relations man, although he thinks it would have to be a very small account. I told him of Hunt's reported interest in jazz, which was news to Jessup. To forestall Hunt's thinking that he (Jessup) might be playing around with teenagers he took his daughter over to introduce her. His daughter felt that Hunt was a man very pleased with himself. Jessup had no other recollections.

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7. Mr. Broe (then Chief, WH Division) has no recollection of any name traces handled for Hunt other than the one forwarded over his (Broe's) name on 13 December 1971. He recalls discussing that with his deputy, Jim Flannery. He has discussed this with Flannery, who has checked the records of WH and has found no other such records. At this time it seems unlikely that we will answer the questions this presents. Was Hunt's out-of-channel request (which WH put back in channel) the one Jessup recalls, with embellishments? Or did Hunt make additional requests, through channels, that were not serviced? We have the one recorded name trace, on a Costa Rican, and no others.


S. D. Breckinridge

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The Chief, Western Hemisphere Division released the cable which informed the Santiago Station Chief that the three sub-machine guns and ammunition were being sent as requested by the Station.

There was no specific external approval for the shipment of the arms other than the initial authorization from the President for the conduct of the Track Two operation.

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REF: SANTIAGO 562

SUB-MACHINE GUNS AND AMMO BEING SENT BY REGULAR
COURIER LEAVING WASHINGTON 0700 HOURS 19 OCTOBER DUE ARRIVE
SANTIAGO LATE EVENING 20 OCTOBER OR EARLY MORNING 21 OCTOBER.
PREFERRED USE REGULAR [REDACTED] COURIER TO AVOID BRINGING UNDUE
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18 16 31z OCT 70 CITE HEADQUARTERS 854

IMMEDIATE SANTIAGO (EYES ONLY)

REF: SANTIAGO 562

1. DEPENDING HOW ^{COPIEE} CONVERSATION GOES EVENING 18 OCTOBER YOU MAY WISH SUBMIT INTEL REPORT

SO WE CAN DECIDE WHETHER SHOULD BE DISSEMED.

2. NEW SUBJECT: IF ^{COPIEE} PLANS LEAD COUP, OR BE ACTIVELY AND PUBLICLY INVOLVED, WE PUZZLED WHY IT SHOULD BOTHER HIM IF MACHINE GUNS CAN BE TRACED TO HIM. CAN WE DEVELOP RATIONALE ON WHY GUNS MUST BE STERILE? WILL CONTINUE MAKE EFFORT PROVIDE THEM BUT FIND OUR CREDULITY STRETCHED BY NAVY ^{OFFICER} LEADING HIS TROOPS WITH STERILE GUNS? WHAT IS SPECIAL PURPOSE FOR THESE GUNS? WE WILL TRY SEND THEM WHETHER YOU CAN PROVIDE EXPLANATION OR NOT.

END OF MESSAGE

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REFS: A. SANTIAGO 551

B. SANTIAGO 558

*STATION COPIE**two Chilean*1. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ MET CLANDESTINELY EVENING 17 OCT WITH ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~*Armed Forces officers*~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ WHO TOLD HIM THEIR PLANS

WERE MOVING ALONG BETTER THAN HAD THOUGHT POSSIBLE. THEY

ASKED THAT BY EVENING 18 OCT *COPIE* ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ARRANGE FURNISH THEM WITH

EIGHT TO TEN TEAR GAS GRENADES. WITHIN 48 HOURS THEY NEED THREE

45 CALIBRE MACHINE GUNS ("GREASE GUNS") WITH 500 ROUNDS AMMO

EACH. *ONE OFFICER* ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ COMMENTED HAS THREE MACHINE GUNS HIMSELF BUT CAN

BE IDENTIFIED BY SERIAL NUMBERS AS HAVING BEEN ISSUED TO HIM

THEREFORE UNABLE USE THEM.

2. *OFFICERS* ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ SAID THEY HAVE TO MOVE BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE

THEY NOW UNDER SUSPICION AND BEING WATCHED BY ALLENDE SUPPORTERS.

ONE OFFICER ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ WAS LATE TO MEETING HAVING TAKEN EVASIVE ACTION TO SHAKE

POSSIBLE SURVEILLANCE BY ONE OR TWO TAXI CABS WITH DUAL

ANTENNAS WHICH HE BELIEVED BEING USED BY OPPOSITION AGAINST

HIM.

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3. ^{COPIEE} ~~ASKED~~ ASKED IF ^{OFFICERS} ~~RECORDED~~ HAD AIR FORCE CONTACTS. THEY ANSWERED THEY DID NOT BUT WOULD WELCOME ONE. ^{COPIEE} ~~AS~~ SEPARATELY HAS SINCE TRIED CONTACT ^{A Chilean Air Force General} ~~GENERAL~~ AND WILL KEEP TRYING UNTIL ESTABLISHED. ^{Air Force General} ~~GENERAL~~ WILL URGE ^{OFFICERS} ~~GENERAL~~ MEET WITH ^{OFFICERS} ~~GENERAL~~ ASAP. ^{COPIEE} ~~GENERAL~~ COMMENTED TO STATION THAT ^{Air Force General} ~~GENERAL~~ HAS NOT TRIED CONTACT HIM SINCE REF A TALK.

4. ^{COPIEE} ~~GENERAL~~ COMMENT: CANNOT TELL WHO IS LEADER OF THIS MOVEMENT BUT STRONGLY SUSPECTS IT IS ADMIRAL ~~GENERAL~~ IT WOULD APPEAR FROM ^{his countries} ~~GENERAL~~ ACTIONS AND ALLEGED ALLENDE SUSPICIONS ABOUT THEM THAT UNLESS THEY ACT NOW THEY ARE LOST. TRYING GET MORE INFO FROM THEM EVENING 18 OCT ABOUT SUPPORT THEY BELIEVE THEY HAVE.

5. STATION PLANS GIVE SIX TEAR GAS GRENADES (CARRIVING NOON 18 OCT BY SPECIAL COURIER) TO ^{COPIEE} ~~GENERAL~~ FOR DELIVERY TO ^{Actual Forces officers} ~~GENERAL~~ INSTEAD OF HAVING ^{False Air officer} ~~GENERAL~~ DELIVER THEM TO VIAUX GROUP. OUR REASONING IS THAT ^{COPIEE} ~~GENERAL~~ DEALING WITH ACTIVE DUTY OFFICERS. ALSO ^{False Air officer} ~~GENERAL~~ LEAVING EVENING 18 OCT AND WILL NOT BE REPLACED BUT ^{COPIEE} ~~GENERAL WILL STAY HERE. HENCE IMPORTANT THAT ^{Actual Forces officers} ~~GENERAL~~ CREDIBILITY WITH ~~GENERAL~~ BE STRENGTHENED BY PROMPT DELIVERY WHAT~~

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THEY REQUESTING. REQUEST HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT BY 1500 HOURS
LOCAL TIME 18 OCT ON DECISION DELIVERY OF TEAR GAS TO ~~VICE~~ ^{COOP TEE}
VICE ~~OFFICER~~ ^{False File Officer}

6. REQUEST PROMPT SHIPMENT THREE STERILE 45 CALIBRE MACHINE
GUNS AND AMMO PER PARA 1 ABOVE, BY SPECIAL COURIER IF NECESSARY.
PLEASE CONFIRM BY 2000 HOURS LOCAL TIME 18 OCT THAT THIS CAN
BE DONE SO ~~IT~~ ^{COOP TEE} MAY INFORM ~~US~~ ^{VIS CENTER} ACCORDINGLY. GP-1

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