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SUBJECT: (Optional)

Frederick Randall's Interrogation by Members of House Select Committee on Assassinations

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1. SA/DO/O

2. SNRP

The DDO agrees that Randall has a valid gripe. Would you please find out from OLC how his name was provided to the House Committee without any coordination with this Directorate. It does seem a bit of a high-handed way to deal with our officers.

Ken Knaus

cc: DDO/Reg
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SNRP - Pls check in this - do not let a similar process occur, without the person involved knowing in advance.

Thanks
Dan G.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Management Staff (U)

FROM: Frederick C. Randall (C)
Chief, IMS Privacy and Information
Action Group

1. (U) On 24 March 1978, I was interrogated for one and one-half hours by Mr. Harold Leap and Mr. Dan Hardway, staff members of the House Select Committee on Assassinations. I answered all questions truthfully. Immediately prior to being introduced to the HSCA staff members, I was shown a copy of the attached letter to the Committee giving permission for me to be questioned, and a copy of the attached letter from the DDCI which discusses security procedures. I asked for and received copies of the two documents. Prior to the 24 March interrogation, I was told by SA/DO/O that my personnel files had been made available to the Committee.

2. (U) After being asked questions regarding my CIA career, it became apparent that the staff members were trying to establish that personnel assigned to the [redacted] in the early 1960's had knowledge of an alleged CIA connection to Lee Harvey Oswald. I was asked when I first heard of the assassination of President Kennedy, when I first heard of Lee Harvey Oswald, etc. I was asked to supply many details of the organization, personnel, and operation of the [redacted] during the period of my tour there -- from 1961 through 1965.

3. (U) In the context of my previous assignment to the former Domestic Operations Division beginning in 1965, I was asked twice in a most forcible fashion whether I knew Howard Hunt, to which

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I answered (twice) in the negative. The interrogators also asked if I was employed in the section of the Domestic Operations Division which handled covert action activities targetted against the United States. I replied that CIA does not run CA operations against U.S. targets.

4. (U) Although I had heard a rumor that the interrogation was based on allegations by a former finance clerk assigned to the [] the staff members would not provide me with any information regarding the purpose of their investigation or of their lead. The New York Times article of 27 March 1978, attached, reports the Wilcott allegations together with the information that the lead came from Philip Agee, and that Wilcott was represented at a committee hearing by Agee's attorney.

5. (U) Although CIA has been an easy mark for anyone looking for a cheap headline during the past three years, my reaction to this situation is that the rights of many Americans, including current and former employees of CIA, are being violated by the procedures of this investigation. I can easily draw a conclusion from the Times article that the HSCA is unwittingly performing destruction work conceived by Agee and his backers. I also wonder how any investigation can be based on such flimsy evidence. I resent having my personnel file reviewed by the HSCA without my permission. Finally, I do not like being shown an unclassified letter concerning me (I am under cover), which had already been sent to the Congress without my knowledge.

6. (C) I have asked that any notes made by Mr. Leap and Mr. Hardway that are taken from the CIA Headquarters building use my alias, Frederick Reynolds. I hope that this request is carried out.


Frederick C. Randall (C)

Attachments:

- a. Undated letter to HSCA
- b. Letter to HSCA dated 23 March 78
- c. Clipping from the New York Times dated 27 March 78

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