

USE PREVIOUS EDITIONS

SECRETARIAT DISSEMINATION CLASSIFIED MESSAGE TOTAL COPIES 10 ROUTING AND/OR INITIALS SEEN BY

SECRET (When Filled In) GROUP 1 EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING AND DECLASSIFICATION

1	5
2	6
3	7
4	

ISSUED SLOTTED

REPRODUCTION OF THIS COPY PROHIBITED

Route via info to [unclear]
D-81 [unclear]
Wings [unclear]

DATE 17 AT 0300 Z
BY 30/35 PER WH 8(E.O.)

ON UNIT C/WH3 FILE, VR DCI D/OCI DDP CSRF -EYES ONLY-

476

SECRET 300115Z APR 71 CITE [redacted] 16466

PRIORITY DIRECTOR
+ TWO
SECTION ONE OF TWO

29 APR IN 323122
M

RYBAT JMS PUR
1
FOR LUSBY AND FOR ASHMEAD
2

1. TO SUMMARIZE, ASHMEAD CALLED ON MRS CURTIS (HERE-AFTER "SHE") AFTERNOON OF 28 APRIL TO TALK TO HER OF SECRET OF DIRECTOR AND FRIENDS IN ORGANIZATION OF CURTIS' DEATH AND DISCUSSED BRIEFLY AND GENERALLY THE BENEFITS TO WHICH SHE IS ENTITLED, NOTING THAT OUR CURRENT INFORMATION TENTATIVE. ASHMEAD SPOKE OF SEEING THAT COMPETENT STAFF MEMBER LEGAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE MADE AVAILABLE TO ADVISE HER ON THESE MATTERS AND TO SEE THAT SHE GETS EVERY ADVANTAGE FOR HERSELF AND CHILDREN FROM THESE BENEFITS. SHE THEN NOT SURE OF EXISTENCE OR VALIDITY OR STATUS OF WILL NOR SURE WHO LAWYER OR EXECUTOR MIGHT BE AND AGREED TO TALK TO CGS IN MEANTIME OF THESE QUESTIONS.

2. ASHMEAD TURNED TO PLANNED CURTIS TRIP TO SEE DIRECTOR OF WHICH SHE AWARE AND COVERED CHIEF PARTS OF MANUSCRIPT OF WHICH SHE AWARE BUT WHICH SHE SAID SHE HAD NOT SEEN. (SHE TOLD KINGMAN ON 29 APRIL THAT SHE AND OTHER HAVE

375J

USE PREVIOUS EDITIONS

MFG

CABLE SECRETARIAT DISSEMINATION

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

TOTAL COPIES

ROUTING AND/OR INITIALS-SE

ADVANCE COPY ISSUED SLOTTED

BY: _____ AT: _____ Z

DISSEM BY _____ PER _____ P _____

SECRET
(When Filled In)

GROUP 1
EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC
DOWNGRADING AND
DECLASSIFICATION

REPRODUCTION OF THIS COPY PROHIBITED

1		5
2		6
3		7
4		8

ACTION UNIT

FILE, VR

ACTION NO. 21-3

PAGE 2 [] 16466 S E C R E T

HEARD MUCH TALK OF MANUSCRIPT FROM CURTIS. FOR EXAMPLE,
 BURNELL GOODRICH CLAIMS TO HAVE READ ONE CHAPTER. SHE THINKS
 DEMPSTER MAY HAVE HELPED WITH [] PARTS. THIS
 DISCUSSION OF MANUSCRIPT BY CURTIS, ALTHOUGH NOT CLEAR WHO ALL
 MAY HAVE READ IT, MEANS IT IS WELL KNOWN AND, ACCORDING TO
 HER, LOOKED FOR WITH SOME ANTICIPATION BY FRIENDS IN HIS U.S.
 CIRCLE HERE.) ASHMEAD ADVISED HER AGAINST READING MANUSCRIPT,
 AS IT DISCUSSES IN OPEN WAY INTIMATE MATTERS OF PREVIOUS
 MARRIAGE. IMPORTANTLY, ASHMEAD POINTED OUT, INFORMATION
 THEREIN WOULD VIOLATE TWO DIFFERENT SECRECY AGREEMENTS []
 AND U.S.) AS WELL AS DOING GREAT DAMAGE TO OUR RELATIONSHIP
 WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS. THE INFORMATION IS, AS IT WERE,
 U.S. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND ASHMEAD SAID THAT THE PUBLICATION
 WOULD DISMAY CURTIS' FRIENDS AND HARM HIS REPUTATION AND
 MEMORY. SHE SEEMED APPALLED AT IDEA OF PUBLISHING MANUSCRIPT,
 SAYING THAT SHE REALIZED WHEN CURTIS TOLD HER OF VISIT TO
 DIRECTOR THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG. SHE ALSO ASKED ASHMEAD
 ABOUT CURTIS' MOTIVATION IN THIS. IN DISCUSSION OF THESE AND
 OTHER PAPERS SHE AGREED (ALTHOUGH IT THEN SEEMED TO KINGMAN
 SOMEWHAT HESITANT) TO COOPERATE WITH KINGMAN ON GETTING AGENCY

3/90

375J

SECRETARIAT DISSEMINATION

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

TOTAL COPIES

ROUTING AND/OR INITIALS

SECRET
(When Filled In)

GROUP 1
EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC
DOWNGRADING AND
DECLASSIFICATION

1	5
2	6
3	7
4	8

ADVANCE COPY: ISSUED SLOTTED

REPRODUCTION OF THIS COPY PROHIBITED

DATE: _____ AT: _____ Z

PREPARED BY: _____ PER: _____

ACTION UNIT: _____
IN OFF: FILE, VR

ACTION NO. _____

PAGE 3 21-3 6466 S E C R E T

PAPERS FROM CURTIS' BELONGINGS. (ASHMEAD WILL REMEMBER BARRON STATEMENT LATE NIGHT OF 28 APRIL THAT HE WOULD FORGET THE MANUSCRIPT, TAKING NO STEPS TO GO FORWARD WITH PUBLICATION.)

3. ASHMEAD AND KINGMAN AGREED THAT KINGMAN WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH HER THE NEXT DAY AND ALSO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH JEREMY K. BENADUM WHO NOW WORKING AS BARRON'S MAN WITH GOM AUTHORITIES ON THE KGB/MAR MATTER. (BENADUM MISSED BARRON AT HOTEL NIGHT OF 28 APRIL SO UNABLE TO GET HIM TOGETHER WITH GOM MAR AUTHORITY AND PRESUMABLY THIS WILL CONTINUE WHEN BARRON RETURNS MEXICO PROBABLY 7 MAY.) MORE IMPORTANT REASON KEEP IN TOUCH WITH BENADUM IS TO HAVE HIS HELP OR, BETTER YET, NEUTRALIZE HIM AS INIMICAL FACTOR IN MRS CURTIS AFFAIRS AS THEY INVOLVE US.

4. YOU WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO LEARN THAT WHEN KINGMAN CALLED HER FOR APPOINTMENT ON MORNING 29 APRIL SHE TOLD HIM TO COME OUT AS SOON AS CONVENIENT AS SHE WANTED TO SEE HIM "BEFORE ANYONE ELSE." KINGMAN ARRIVED TO LEARN FOLLOWING:

A. BURNELL GOODRICH APPEARS TO BE EXECUTOR OF ESTATE IN HANDWRITTEN WILL WHICH SHE AND HER BROTHER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW FOUND IN GOING THROUGH CURTIS PAPERS NIGHT

1/DM

3753

SECRETARIAT DISSEMINATION

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE - TOTAL COPIES

ROUTING AND/OR INITIALS

SECRET
(When Filled In)

GROUP 1
EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC
DOWNGRADING AND
DECLASSIFICATION

1	5
2	6
3	7
4	8

ADVANCE COPY ISSUED SLOTTED

REPRODUCTION OF THIS COPY PROHIBITED

BY: _____ AT: _____ IN _____

DISSEM BY: _____ PER: _____

ACTION UNIT: FILE, VR

ACTION NO.

PAGE 4 6466 S E C R E T

BEFORE.

4
 B. SHE WANTED TO HAVE KINGMAN IMMEDIATELY REMOVE
 ALL PAPERS BELONGING TO GOVERNMENT, AS ASHMEAD HAD SUGGESTED,
 2
 BEFORE THE PAPERS IN CURTIS STUDY ARE SEALED UP.
 3

4
 5. WITH HER EFFICIENT COOPERATION KINGMAN SPENT SEVERAL
 HOURS GOING THROUGH SAFES AND CABINETS AND VALISES IN STUDY
 AND LOADED THREE LARGE CARTONS AND FOUR VALISES WITH FILE
 FOLDERS, NOTES, AND MEMORANDA OF CLASSIFIED STATION FILES. X
 3
 ALSO, WHEN SHE AND BROTHERS AT CURTIS OFFICE PREVIOUS DAY,
 THEY HAD PULLED OUT, UNDER LAWYER'S EYES, NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS
 WHICH OBVIOUSLY CLASSIFIED OR AGENCY ORIENTED (CURTIS NAME
 2
 IN PSEUDONYM, SECRET STAMPS AND SO ON. ASHMEAD WILL RECALL
 BARRON MENTION OF MEMO FROM CURTIS TO KINGMAN ON FLUTEO
 7
 WHICH IN OFFICE. THIS CARBON WAS AMONG THIS BATCH GIVE^N TO
 4
 KINGMAN WHICH INDICATES WE GOT MOST OF STUFF FROM OFFICE.)

6. WHILE WE SHALL INVENTORY LATER, TO AT LEAST CURSORY
 EXTENT, IMPORTANTLY WE GOT TWO ORIGINAL DRAFTS (APPARENTLY
 THE SECOND A REWRITE) AND TWO CARBONS OF MANUSCRIPT. PLUS
 THIS WERE NUMBER OF DRAFTS, SOME REPETITIVE OF WHAT APPEARS
 TO HAVE BEEN FINAL MANUSCRIPT. SHE KNOWS OF NO OTHER COPIES

Ym

831-J

SECRETARIAT DISSEMINATION

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE : TOTAL COPIES

ROUTING AND/OR INITIALS

REPRODUCTION UNIT NOTIFIED

SECRET
(When Filled In)

GROUP 1
EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC
DOWNGRADING AND
DECLASSIFICATION

1	5
2	6
3	7
4	8

ADVANCE COPY ISSUED SLOTTED

REPRODUCTION OF THIS COPY PROHIBITED

BY: _____ AT: _____ Z

DISSEM BY _____ PER _____ # _____

ACTION UNIT **FILE, VR**

ACTION NO.

PAGE 5 [REDACTED] 16466 S E C R E T

EXTANT SAVE WHAT BARRON MAY HAVE. SHE SAYS MANUSCRIPT TYPED IN FINAL IN ENGLISH BY WOMAN IN MEXIC⁰ UNKNOWN TO HER AND WE WILL TRACE THIS.

7. NOT SURE THAT WE HAVE ALL CLASSIFIED PAPERS AND THINK SHE AND LAWYER (SEE BELOW) WILL COOPERATE IN TURNING OVER OTHER FINDS. THERE IS ONE LOCKED BOX IN SAFE WHICH, WHEN SHE HAS KEY, SHE PROMISED TO OPEN WITH KINGMAN⁴. WE SUSPECT THIS MAY CONTAIN MISSING TAPES ON RETTIE CASE AND "LESBIANS" WHICH BARRON SPOKE OF TO ASHMEAD². (WE HAVE FOUND HUEY NEWTON AND CLEAVER TAPES BUT THESE ONLY TAPES SO FAR.)

8. SHE TOOK SOME PAINS TO CONCEAL KNOWLEDGE OF KINGMAN⁴ PRESENCE FROM LAWYERS AND FROM BENADUM WHO CAME BY HOUSE WHILE KINGMAN⁶ SEARCHING STUDY. AS SHE CONCERNED HOW TO HANDLE MISSING DOCUMENTS (ABSENCE OF WHICH SHE FEARED LAWYER WOULD DETECT AND WHICH KINGMAN⁴ TOLD HER MIGHT WELL HAVE TO BE REVEALED TO LAWYERS LATER) WE DECIDED ON FOLLOWING.

9. KINGMAN⁴ TO CALL GOODRICH ON RETURN OFFICE AND TELL HIM THAT ON BEHALF OF U.S. GOVERNMENT KINGMAN⁴ HAD GONE TO CURTIS³ HOME TO RETRIEVE PAPERS WHICH PROPERTY OF U.S. GOVERNMENT AND OF WHICH KINGMAN⁴ HAD LISTING. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN

S E C R E T

1/20

831-J

SECRETARIAT DISSEMINATION

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

TOTAL COPIES

ROUTING AND/OR INITIALS

PERSON UNIT NOTIFIED

SECRET
(When Filled In)

GROUP 1

EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC
DOWNGRADING AND
DECLASSIFICATION

1	5
2	6
3	7
4	8

ADVANCE COPY ISSUED SLOTTED

REPRODUCTION OF THIS COPY PROHIBITED

BY: _____ AT: _____

DISSEM BY _____ PER _____

ACTION UNIT

INFO

FILE, VR

ACTION NO.

PAGE 6 [redacted] 16466 S E C R E T

EXPECTED BY CURTIS AS THIS "ROUTINE" MATTER. TO PROTECT HER, AS SHE WANTS TO KEEP ON GOODRICH GOOD SIDE DESPITE DOUBTS ABOUT HIS INTELLIGENCE OR COMPETENCE, KINGMAN WOULD TELL GOODRICH HE FOUND HER SOMEWHAT DISPLEASED AT KINGMAN'S TAKING PAPERS AND KINGMAN HAD AGREED TO EXPLAIN THIS TO GOODRICH, AS SHE FEARED GOODRICH'S DISAPPROVAL. THIS SCRIPT FOLLOWED OVER PHONE WITH GOODRICH WHO COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE RELAXED AND UNDERSTANDING (TO POINT THAT SHE NOW CONVINCED THAT HE NOT COMPETENT) OF KINGMAN'S PROCEDURE. GOODRICH SEEMED HAPPY TO HEAR AGENCY LAWYER COMING AND WILL PRESUMABLY BE OPEN AND COOPERATIVE.

10. WE DISCUSSED AGAIN THE WASHINGTON LAWYER AND SHE WILL BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THIS HELP AS SHE DISCLAIMS ANY MONEY SENSE OR LEGAL JUDGMENT. (DESPITE HER CLEAR INTELLIGENCE, KINGMAN BELIEVES THIS.) ASHMEAD WILL BE INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT SHE SAID HER WORRY ABOUT CURTIS HAVING WRITTEN MANUSCRIPT HAD "STOPPED HER CRYING" AND SHE WAS CLEARHEADED, IN CONTROL AND OBJECTIVE, EVEN WRYLY CHEERFUL, DURING THE EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS. DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF HANDLING HER U.S. GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENTS SEPARATE FROM REST OF ESTATE BUT,

SECRET

IM/1

CABLE SECRETARIAT DISSEMINATION

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

TOTAL COPIES

ROUTING AND/OR INITIALS-SEE

PERSON UNIT NOTIFIED

SECRET
(When Filled In)

GROUP 1
EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC
DOWNGRADING AND
DECLASSIFICATION

1	5
2	6
3	7
4	8

ADVANCE COPY ISSUED SLOTTED

REPRODUCTION OF THIS COPY PROHIBITED

BY: _____ AT: _____ Z

DISSEM BY _____ PER _____

ACTION UNIT

INFO

FILE, VR

ACTION NO.

PAGE 7 3 16466 S E C R E T

SHE MENTIONED, CURTIS REFERRED TO INSURANCE AND SURVIVOR ANNUITIES IN HIS WILL AS PART OF ESTATE. SHE OBVIOUSLY NOT SATISFIED TO HAVE GOODRICH REPRESENTING HER, ALTHOUGH FEARFUL OF OFFENDING HIM OR OTHER OF CURTIS INFLUENTIAL FRIENDS. KINGMAN POINTED OUT THAT ASHMEAD WANTED AGENCY LAWYER TO BE HELPFUL IN PROTECTING HER INTERESTS AS POSSIBLE BUT MIGHT BE LIMITED AS MIGHT BE INEXPERT IN MEXICAN LAW. HAVE YOU CONSIDERED OUR GETTING A CORRESPONDENT HERE TO ADVISE OUR LAWYER ON MEXICAN LAW OR DO YOU CONSIDER THAT ADVISABLE?

11. LOOSE ENDS:

- A. FURTHER DOCUMENT FINDS WHICH KINGMAN WILL PURSUE WITH HER HELP.
- B. HANDLING HER ENTITLEMENTS, IN CONSULTATION AS APPROPRIATE WITH GOODRICH, IF IT CERTAIN HE EXECUTOR, AND POSSIBLY WITH OTHER MEXICAN LAWYERS, BY AGENCY COUNSEL SELECTED BY ASHMEAD AND BRIEFED THOROUGHLY ON HER ENTITLEMENTS AND OPTIONAL FORMS OF RECEIVING THEM.
- C. MANUSCRIPT. IT APPEARS TO KINGMAN THAT SHE NOT EVEN WISTFUL ABOUT IT AT THIS POINT, AND WHEN SHE COMMENTED THAT CURTIS MUST HAVE HAD MONEY IN MIND IT

1/2m

575

SECRETARIAT DISSEMINATION

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE - TOTAL COPIES

ROUTING AND/OR INITIALS

NOTIFIED

SECRET
(When Filled In)GROUP 1
EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC
DOWNGRADING AND
DECLASSIFICATION

1	5
2	6
3	7
4	8

ADVANCE COPY ISSUED SLOTTED

REPRODUCTION OF THIS COPY PROHIBITED

BY: _____ AT: _____ Z

DISSEM BY _____ PER _____ R _____

ACTION UNIT

I
N
F
O

FILE, VR

ACTION NO.

PAGE 8 21-3 16466 S E C R E T

APPARENT THAT SHE DID NOT WANT MONEY THAT BADLY (ALTHOUGH CLEAR SHE QUITE UNCERTAIN ABOUT HER FINANCIAL STATUS OR FUTURE.) KINGMAN WARNED HER THAT CURTIS FRIENDS MAY FEEL AGENCY HAS PULLED FAST ONE WITH MANUSCRIPT BUT THAT KINGMAN PREPARED TO WEATHER THAT ONE. SHE MORE CONCERNED WITH BARRON'S UNTRUSTWORTHINESS AND THAT HE MAY HAVE KEPT A COPY WHICH HE COULD PERSONALLY EXPLOIT.

D. SECURITY, OTHERWISE. IF WE HAVE RETRIEVED ALL PAPERS OR WILL SOON HAVE DONE SO, THINK WORST HAS BEEN AVOIDED, THROUGH ASHMEAD'S PERSUASIVENESS AND MRS CURTIS' GOOD SPIRIT.

12. WHILE TRYING TO AVOID GOING FURTHER THAN WE SHOULD OR CAN POSSIBLY DO IN HELPING HER WITH SETTLEMENT, WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULD BE READY TO GET LAWYER DOWN HERE IN COMING WEEK. KINGMAN FEELS THAT SHE WILL TURN TO US FOR ADVICE AND, AT LEAST, WILL USE US (NOT BENADUM) AS CHANNEL FOR THINGS CONCERNING AGENCY AND FOR WHAT HELP SHE MAY NEED FROM MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. KINGMAN INTENDS CONTINUE KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HER TO BE HELPFUL AND TO BE NEAR IN CASE SHE DOUBTS OR IS ADVISED AGAINST WISDOM OF HER ACTIONS TODAY. GP-1

S E C R E T

Ydm