

23 February 1972

Memorandum of Conversation with Ann Goodpasture

Subject: JMYAK--Agee's plan to resign and the kidnapping of his children

1. One Saturday afternoon (presumably in July of 1968) Ann Goodpasture received a telephone call from Henry Dearborn, counselor of Embassy, who had either heard a local radio broadcast--or received a call from a reporter to inquire--about a report of a U.S. diplomat in Mexico being sought for kidnapping his two children from their mother. Dearborn was looking for COS Wynn Scott to ask if the diplomat might be one of the Station personnel.

2. This was the first notice the Station had of the matter and not until they received a query from Headquarters did they know that Agee was the kidnapper (Ann thinks Mrs. Agee had complained to Headquarters about the kidnapping). Dearborn, incidentally, is retired now and residing in Chevy Chase.

3. Regarding Agee's plans to resign, Ann said she had been told by Charlotte Bustos on the Mexican Branch in 1967 that Agee intended to ship some used dry cleaning equipment to Mexico City, resign and set up a dry cleaning shop there at the end of his tour. She said he hoped that the assignment as Olympic Attache would lead to an additional regular tour at the Station, but it didn't work out that way. He was not allowed a full shipment of effects for the short assignment to the Olympics, so his plan to ship the dry cleaning equipment was foiled.

4. When I asked Ann if she was aware of the cause of the Agee divorce she said not but suggested we talk to [redacted] (Branch-7 reports officer) who she thinks

is well acquainted with Agee (Sally, Ann and Agee returned to Headquarters together from a 1967 TDY to Punta del Este). Ann also said that Stan Watson, DCOS in Mexico City at the time of the kidnapping incident, worked with the Embassy on this matter.

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