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INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Identifying Information:

Name Mrs. BARBARA DILLINGER
MR. HERBERT GESTETNER Date 3/20/78
 Address _____ Place CIA/HQ
 City/State _____ Telephone _____
 Date of Birth _____ M or S _____
 Social Security _____ Spouse _____
 Children _____

Physical Description:

Height _____ Color Eyes _____ Hair _____
 Weight _____ Special Characteristics _____
 Ethnic Group _____

Personal History:

- a. Present Employment: _____
 Address _____
 Telephone _____
- b. Criminal Record
 - 1. Arrests _____
 - 2. Convictions _____

Additional Personal Information:

- a. Relative(s): Name _____
 Address _____
- b. Area frequented: _____
- c. Remarks: _____

Investigator DAN HARDWAY, Mickey Goldsmith + Betsy wolf.
 Date 3/20/78 Form #4-B

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Mickey Goldsmith opened the interview by explaining the release letter and the mandate of the House Select Committee on Assassinations to Dillinger and Bestetner.

Mr. Bestetner said that he had been the head of the Soviet Section of the Mexico City Station in 1963. His main duty was to get information on Soviet personnel and their activities for recognition purposes and espionage/counter-espionage activities. In line with these goals Mr. Bestetner was responsible for processing the product of telephone, photographic and physical surveillance of the Soviet Embassy and Soviet personnel. Mr. Bestetner was also responsible for obtaining information through direct contacts with Soviet personnel and through agents who were in contact with Soviet personnel.

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1 Mrs Dillenger's main duty was reading the transcripts of the telephone tap operation. She received these transcripts once a day and would review them. Anything of importance or interest would be brought to Mr. Bestetner's attention.

Both Mr Bestetner and Mrs Dillenger remembered that they received all the transcripts from all the taps on the Soviet Embassy. This included the Spanish and the English transcripts although the English " were usually received later than the Spanish ones.

Mrs. Dillenger indicated that she had a "working knowledge" of Spanish. ~~D~~

Mr Bestetner was responsible for reporting the information he developed. He indicated that a report would either be written by himself, Mrs Dillenger or a reports officer.

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In 1963 Mrs. Dillenger was working on a part-time, contract basis. She indicated that the transcripts were read daily as a matter of routine. The photo production was not reviewed unless ~~_____~~

Employee ~~_____~~ referred it to them.

^{+ DILLINGER}
 Bentler received ~~copy~~ carbon copies of the transcripts on yellow paper. Extracts from the transcripts were put into appropriate subject or "P" files. Both were sure that a chronological file ~~was~~ of transcript was kept. They were less sure but thought that such a file was also kept on the production of the photo operation. Mrs. Dillenger remembered that they did keep a subject file on Soviet contacts. Subject files were designated by a four part number, (ex: 00-00-0-0)

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Both Dillenger & Bestetner indicated that nothing was destroyed while Kim Scott was Chief of Station. They indicated that materials were probably destroyed after he left in 1969.

They received the transcripts from either ~~_____~~ ^{EVIDENCE} or ~~_____~~ ^{David Blair}. Some of the transcripts were in Spanish and some were in English. Mr. Bestetner indicated that he had a close working relationship with ~~_____~~ ^{AGENT} and relied on him for personality assessments on Soviet personnel. He said that he had nothing to do with getting the tapes and/or transcripts to or from ~~_____~~ ^{AGENT} except in those rare instances when there was no one else to do it.

Dillenger and Bestetner remembered that information from the tapes would usually

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have been reported within a day or two of receipt of the transcripts.

They remembered that the tap surveillance was constant. They also remembered that the photo surveillance was constant except for instances where it would be slow for security reasons or equipment malfunction. They said that the photo operation attempted to get a picture of every foreigner in contact with the Embassy. They said that the photographers had an "uncanny ability" to pick out foreigners.

The transcripts that they remembered receiving were literal transcriptions. They had never heard of summaries of the conversations being prepared. Mr. ~~██████████~~ gave his personality assessments orally.