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Enclosed for your information is the original of a memorandum concerning an interview under oath of Mr. W. Raymond Wannall, Assistant Director, FBI, by Staff Members of captioned Committee. A copy of the memorandum is being furnished for forwarding to Mr. James A. Wilderotter, Associate Counsel to the President.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General
Attention: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.
Special Counsel for
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October 16, 1975

**U.S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO
STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)**

**RE: DEPOSITION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
V. RAYMOND WANNALL**

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On October 13, 1975, in response to a request of Mr. James Dick, Staff Member of the SSC, Mr. Wannall was deposed in a room on the sixth floor of the Carroll Arms Hotel by Mr. Dick. Mr. John T. Kiliff, also a Staff Member of the SSC, participated during portions of the questioning of Wannall and the questions and answers were recorded by Mr. Alfred H. "Fred" Ward of Ward and Paul Stenographic Reporters, Inc. The deposition concerned matters relating to FBI mail intercept programs and the receipt by the FBI of certain material resulting from a CIA mail intercept program.

Mr. Dick began taking the deposition at 3:00 p.m. and it was completed at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Dick advised Wannall that he had been placed under oath by Senator Richard S. Schweiker of Pennsylvania on October 3, 1975, when Wannall was deposed with regard to another matter and Wannall should consider himself as being still under oath for the purposes of the current deposition. Wannall was advised of his rights and was told that since a Senator was not present he could request a discontinuance at any time. He was further advised that the results would be recorded and he would be given an opportunity to review the transcription at a later date.

Director Clarence M. Kelley of the FBI had previously released Wannall from his secrecy agreement to permit his deposition with respect to the matters covered.

The following represents to the best of Wannall's recollection the information furnished by him responsive to specific questions. The material is set forth in the order in which the questions were asked and the responses given.

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noted that the initials at the bottom of the memorandum indicated it had been approved at least by former Associate Director Clyde A. Tolson and it was possible the memorandum had gone into former Director Hoover's office, although this could be established only by checking the time stamp on the reverse side of the one-page memorandum.

The third exhibit shown to Wannall was a memorandum dated May 15, 1963, from Wannall to W. C. Sullivan captioned "Bureau Informant 200 - Policy." This memorandum did not contain the initials of Wannall but he acknowledged that he had read either the memorandum or a copy of it. This memorandum had also been initialed by Mr. Tolson and had been prepared for the purpose of sending to CIA an evaluation of 347 separate items received by the FBI as a result of the Hunter-Vince coverage. It was recommended that an attached memorandum containing the results of this evaluation be furnished CIA "for assistance of that agency in evaluating the program and reinstatement." A sentence had been handwritten after this recommendation and the handwriting was recognized as being that of former Assistant to the Director Alan H. Belmont, and this was called specifically to Mr. Dick's attention. Mr. Belmont's sentence read "CIA will be told the decision is up to them."

Responding to specific questions, Wannall acknowledged that he was aware of the foregoing information that CIA's New York project which produced the Cuban mail operated for approximately one month beginning in February, 1963, and that to the best of his knowledge only 347 separate items, those evaluated in the May 15, 1963, memorandum, were received. Wannall said that Mr. Belmont's written sentence on the memorandum was interpreted by Wannall as an instruction to convey to CIA the fact that the FBI was not requesting a continuance or reinstatement of the Hunter-Vince coverage but that this decision should be made by CIA.

The next three items exhibited to Wannall were (1) a Xerox copy of an airtel dated December 21, 1962, sent from the Director, FBI, to the Special Agent in Charge (SAC), Miami, captioned "[Penetrate] Espionage-Cuba;" (2) a Xerox

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