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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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1 - Mr. E. S. Miller

1 - Mr. T. J. Smith

DATE: 6/14/73

TO : Mr. E. S. Miller

FROM : T. J. Smith ~~TJS~~

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SUBJECT: ~~_____~~
SENSITIVE COVERAGE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE
COVE - ESPIONAGE
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- Mr. Baker _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
- Mr. Cleveland _____
- Mr. Conrad _____
- Mr. Gebhardt _____
- Mr. Jenkins _____
- Mr. Marshall _____
- Mr. Stiller, E.S.
- Mr. Soyars _____
- Mr. Thompson _____
- Mr. Walters _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Baise _____
- Mr. Barnes _____
- Mr. Bowers _____
- Mr. Herington _____
- Mr. Conmy _____
- Mr. Mintz _____
- Mr. Eardley _____
- Mrs. Hogan _____

Although completely unrelated in any way to prior requests of the White House for electronic surveillance coverage of White House aides and newsmen from 1969 - 1971 in connection with leaks of highly classified national security information, captioned matter also related to electronic surveillance coverage of individuals at the specific request of the White House. Because of the very sensitive nature of the matter, it is being given a code word "COVE - Espionage" and all records and documents relating to the matter will be kept in the Associate Director's Office with access limited to those persons who have received prior individual approval from the Director, Associate Director or the Assistant Director in charge of the Intelligence Division. Although index cards will be maintained in the general indices of the Bureau, and index cards will be filed in the Special Electronic Surveillance indices, no abstracts will be prepared except in correspondence to and from the field and memoranda dated from this date forward. (c)

The genesis of this matter is as follows: On 12/22/71, the Attorney General, John N. Mitchell, personally contacted Mr. W. Mark Felt, who was then the Deputy Associate Director, and instructed him to institute, after clearing with Mr. Hoover, a telephone surveillance of _____ a Navy Yeoman 1st Class assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Mr. Mitchell said that this instruction came directly from President Nixon. He called attention to the Jack Anderson column of 12/14/71, wherein disclosures were made of conversations between the President and Dr. Henry A. Kissinger and between Dr. Kissinger and other high officials at the White House and the State Department. (c)

Mitchell said they believed _____ was the leak to Anderson of this information. He explained that both _____ and Anderson are members of the same church (Mormon) and that their respective wives

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Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller

Re: [REDACTED]
Sensitive Coverage for the White House
COVE - Espionage

were closely associated in church work. [REDACTED] was responsible for frequent contact with the White House and the National Security Council. It was later determined that [REDACTED] had been brought to Washington by Admiral Moorer, and he was in a position to be privy and have access to the type of data being leaked. He had previously worked for Admiral Moorer. (c)

It was also subsequently learned unofficially that [REDACTED] had already been confronted by Navy investigators concerning the leaks and had, as a matter of fact, already been given polygraph tests concerning the leaks and his association with Jack Anderson. The FBI was not requested to conduct any investigation of the leaks; only to place electronic coverage on [REDACTED]. (c)

Mr. Mitchell told Mr. Felt that the President was gravely concerned over this matter and was anxious to ascertain the full extent of the security breach. He said that no prosecution was contemplated. Mr. Mitchell inquired as to whether Mr. Felt believed physical surveillance might be productive and Mr. Felt replied that it might be productive, but also might be very dangerous because if [REDACTED] became aware of the same and furnished this information to Jack Anderson even more damaging columns could result. Mr. Mitchell agreed. (c)

The Attorney General requested to be advised on a day-to-day basis of developments in this case. Mr. Felt told Mr. Mitchell that reports would be made directly to him and that the matter would be handled on a strict "need-to-know" basis in the Bureau.

After clearing with Mr. Hoover, Mr. Felt instructed you to personally contact the SAC, WFO, and instruct that the coverage be instituted as quickly as possible. You were also told to instruct the SAC, WFO, that the number of individuals having access to this matter be limited on a strict "need-to-know" basis. Mr. Felt instructed that

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