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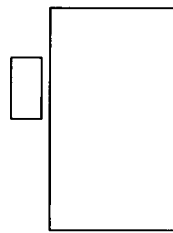
1. YOU WILL RECALL A LETTER OF 4 FEBRUARY 1975 FROM CHARLES NAAS DESCRIBING OPTIONS WITH REGARD TO YOUR HAVING BEEN NAMED AS A DEFENDANT IN A LAWSUIT IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE AGENCY HAS NO RECORD OF ANY ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE CONDUCTED AGAINST PLAINTIFFS [REDACTED] THE ONLY AGENCY FILES WHICH HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT [REDACTED] CONTAIN REPORTS SENT TO THE AGENCY FROM THE FBI. THE AGENCY HAD NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED FROM ITS OWN SOURCES ON EITHER PLAINTIFF.

2. AT THIS TIME WE ARE PREPARING A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REQUESTING THAT THEY DEFEND COLBY, WALTERS AND ANGLETON. SINCE THE COMPLAINT ALLEGES ACTIVITIES FROM 1 JANUARY 1967 UNTIL 6 JANUARY 1975, THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD DURING WHICH YOU OCCUPIED THE POSITION OF DCI. THE METHOD OF REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS FOR YOU TO SEND A LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REQUESTING THAT YOU BE REPRESENTED BOTH OFFICIALLY AND PRIVATELY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S FULL NAME IS EDWARD H. LEVI.

3. THIS APPEARS TO BE A NUISANCE SUIT BROUGHT BY AN ANTI-WAR ACTIVIST WHO WAS DISMISSED FROM HIS TEACHING POSITION AT SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY. THE GREATEST RISK IS IF A DEFAULT JUDGMENT WERE TO BE LODGED AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL FOR NOT HAVING PROPERLY DEFENDED HIMSELF. IT IS MY OPINION THAT YOUR INTEREST WILL BE ADEQUATELY SERVED BY HAVING THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DEFEND YOU. SHOULD YOU HOWEVER WISH TO ENGAGE PRIVATE COUNSEL, THAT IS ENTIRELY WITHIN YOUR DISCRETION.

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4. SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO HAVE JUSTICE REPRESENT YOUR INTEREST,
WE WILL BE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THEM AND WILL KEEP YOU
INFORMED SO THAT NO FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE REQUIRED BY YOU.

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