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- [REDACTED] AND AGENT TRUE NAMES INCLUDING POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF
LESSEE OF HOUSES USED FOR PHOTO SURVEILLANCE WOULD HAVE
DEVASTATING IMPACT HERE. IT WOULD EMBARRASS OUR FRIENDS, DELIGHT

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OUR ENEMIES, REDUCE UTILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF ONGOING OPERATIONS AND EXPOSE NEW LOPEZ PORTILLO ADMINISTRATION TO BARRAGE OF QUESTIONING ABOUT [REDACTED] WHETHER SUCH [REDACTED] STILL CONTINUING AND SO FORTH.

4. IN OUR JUDGMENT ANY SUCH OFFICIAL REVELATION OF [REDACTED] WITH [REDACTED] MAY EFFECTIVELY TERMINATE (KDBADGER) AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. IN THIS CONNECTION SEE MEXICO CITY 38523 ^(IN 112196) DATED 26 NOVEMBER WHICH REFERS TO PROBLEM WE MAY ALREADY BE FACING WITH NEW MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT. (IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT [REDACTED] IN MEXICO ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL.) AS MINIMUM, OFFICIAL STATEMENT ABOUT [REDACTED] WOULD CONFIRM THE WRITINGS OF PHIL AGEE AND JOSEPH SMITH.

5. IT ALSO SEEMS TO US THAT SUCH STATEMENT WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF OUR OBLIGATION TO PROTECT SOURCES AND METHODS. IF AGENCY CAN RELEASE INFO ON SENSITIVE SOURCES AND METHODS, AND PUBLICIZE PAST OPERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE ON WHAT GROUNDS WE COULD CRITICIZE THOSE WHO MAKE SIMILAR PUBLICATIONS FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES, WHICH TO THEM, MAY SEEM EQUALLY LEGITIMATE.

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6. IN SUM, WE BELIEVE THAT ANY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
 ALONG THE LINES OF PARA FOUR OF REF WILL GET US INTO EVEN
 MORE TROUBLE THAN WE ARE IN AT PRESENT. WE VOLUNTEER JUDGMENT
 THAT WE ARE IN THE TROUBLE WE ARE IN BECAUSE AT TIMES IN PAST
 WE SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT WE ARE AND SHOULD BE AN
 INTELLIGENCE^E AGENCY. PROPOSED REVELATION OF [REDACTED]
 RELATIONSHIP, [REDACTED] AND AGENT TRUE NAMES WOULD CAUSE
 WIDE-SPREAD SKEPTICISM THAT WE ARE IN FACT INTELLIGENCE
 AGENCY. E-2, IMPDET.

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