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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Review Staff

VIA : Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Senate Select Committee Request  
(Jack Anderson)

1. Reference is made to a request from The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr., United States Senate, (Review Staff 75-3115) for clarification regarding a missing copy of a black briefing notebook concerning the surveillance of Mr. Jack Anderson. Reference is further made to a previous memorandum from the Director of Security (OS 5 8665) dated 2 October 1975, which responded to several questions posed by Senator Baker concerning Mr. Jack Anderson.

2. The black briefing folders referred to by Senator Baker were prepared shortly before the Office of Security initiated surveillance coverage of Mr. Anderson and his associates. At the time of their original preparation, a total of six (6) black briefing notebooks were created. These six black briefing notebooks were labeled as follows: Headquarters one of three; Headquarters two of three; Headquarters three of three; Washington Field Office one of three; Washington Field Office two of three; and Washington Field Office three of three. The three Headquarters copies were maintained in Headquarters while the three field office copies were retained by the Office of Security's Washington Field Office.

3. The six briefing notebooks were created for the sole purpose of maintaining a ready reference by both Headquarters and the Washington Field Office from which to brief those Agency employees involved regarding the background and status of the Jack Anderson case. It is extremely important to note that the six briefing folders were intended to remain as exact duplicates of one another, and when created they were duplicates. As the

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surveillance of Mr. Anderson progressed, weekly surveillance summaries and other data pertaining to the case were written and were filed within the master copy of the briefing notebooks. The master copy is labeled "Headquarters one of three" and was kept current as the weekly surveillance summaries were prepared.

4. The copies of the weekly surveillance summaries which were written were also intended to be filed within the remaining five (5) copies of the briefing notebooks (two at Headquarters and three at the Washington Field Office). In practice, however, the remaining five copies were not kept current with the Headquarters master copy (Headquarters one of three) apparently due to the press of business. None of the black briefing notebooks would have contained information not found within the master copy, and, in fact, the remaining copies contain considerably less information than the master copy.

5. At the present time, the Office of Security can account for only three of the black briefing folders. The three folders which are accounted for (Headquarters one of three, Headquarters two of three, and Washington Field Office one of three) were reviewed by Senator Baker on 29 September 1975. Extensive attempts to locate the three missing black briefing notebooks have met with negative results. In addition to conducting a thorough physical search for the missing three copies, the three current Office of Security employees who would be the most knowledgeable concerning these notebooks were interviewed. The three employees (Mr. Curtis R. Rivers, Mr. Thomas J. Sweeney, and Mr. John B. Cryer) cannot specifically recall the disposition of the notebooks; however, all three employees speculate that the three missing copies were probably destroyed sometime following the termination of the surveillance of Mr. Anderson, in view of the fact that the missing notebooks were simply incomplete copies of those notebooks presently on hand.

6. While the three current employees referred to above cannot recall the disposition of the missing three notebooks, they are familiar with the content and purpose of the notebooks. These three employees are readily available should Senator Baker wish to interview them concerning the notebooks. It should be noted that Mr. [redacted] former Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Washington Field Office, who is now retired, would also have some knowledge of the Jack Anderson surveillance. In view of the fact that Mr. [redacted] is retired, the Office of Security has not interviewed him concerning the disposition of the missing notebooks.

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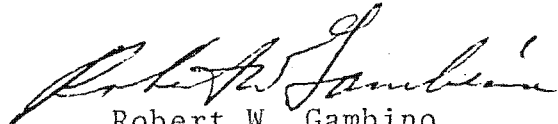
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7. In Senator Baker's referenced request, the briefing notebooks are referred to as a "three-volume set." It is emphasized that although there were three volumes maintained at Headquarters and three volumes maintained by the Washington Field Office, none of these volumes were sequential in nature and none of these volumes contained any information subsequent to the master copy, which Senator Baker has reviewed. Further, as stated in referenced 2 October 1975 memorandum, all Office of Security surveillance activities concerning Mr. Jack Anderson and his associates terminated on 12 April 1972.



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