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1. MORNING 16 NOVEMBER ST. GEORGE ACCOMPANIED BY LAWYER BUD FENSTERWALD SPENT AN HOUR AND 45 MINUTES IN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE DURING WHICH COMMITTEE APPARENTLY WENT INTO HIS BACKGROUND TO SOME EXTENT AND PRESSED HIM FOR IDENTITY OF WATCH OFFICER QUOTED IN HIS ARTICLE WHICH HE PERSISTED IN REFUSING TO GIVE. YOU MAY RECALL FENSTERWALD, FORMERLY COUNSEL FOR SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND MORE RECENTLY IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IS LAWYER FOR JIM MCCORD. HE WAS PRIME MOVER IN COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS WHICH CHALLENGED CONCLUSIONS OF WARREN COMMISSION RE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

2. FOLLOWING ST. GEORGE APPEARANCE, COLEY, MILLER AND I APPEARED ALSO IN EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING WHICH COLBY READ INTO RECORD ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY LEVIED BY SENATOR BAKER AND YOUR STATEMENT CONTAINED IN REF DENYING ST. GEORGE ALLEGATIONS.

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COLBY THEN RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS REGARDING AGENCY RELATIONS WITH MARTINEZ, AND WATCH OFFICER PROCEDURES. NEXT, IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM SYMINGTON, HE READ INTO THE RECORD HIGHLIGHTS OF ST. GEORGE'S CI FILE. COMMITTEE'S REACTION TO LATTER BEST TYPLIFIED BY LONG, LOW WHISTLE OF SENATOR TOWER. SYMINGTON VOLUNTEERED REMARK THAT COMMITTEE HAD JUST LEARNED ST. GEORGE NOW CARRYING EXPIRED BRAZILLIAN PASSPORT (HE HAS NEVER BEEN AMERICAN CITIZEN).

3. WOOLSEY FEELS HEARING WENT WELL AND ST. GEORGE EFFECTIVELY DISCREDITED. HE HAS ASKED FOR RETURN APPEARANCE IN OPEN SESSION ON 21 NOVEMBER BUT WOOLSEY PREDICTS COMMITTEE WILL GIVE HIM FURTHER HEARING ONLY IN CLOSED SESSION. FOLLOWING TODAY'S BEARING, SYMINGTON ISSUED BRIEF PUBLIC STATEMENT SAYING ST. GEORGE HAD BEEN UNWILLING TO PROVIDE NAME OF WATCH OFFICER OR NAME OF HIS SOURCE AND THAT THE COMMITTEE IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS. AFTERNOON WIRE SERVICES COVER BRIEFLY COLRY DENIALS OF AGENCY INVOLVEMENT IN WATERGATE BREAKIN AND QUOTE FROM YOUR STATEMENT IN REF DENYING ALLEGED CONVERSATION WITH WATCH OFFICER, WHICH SYMINGTON HAD RELEASED TO PRESS ALONG WITH OUR ANSWERS TO BAKER'S QUESTIONS. E2 IMPDET.

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