

212038

34

~~SECRET~~

IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE

21755

TO: DIRECTOR

HOUSTON AND WARNER FROM HELMS

1. HAVE JUST RECEIVED VIA STATE DEPARTMENT CHANNELS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SPECIAL PROSECUTOR JAWORSKI: QUOTE DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 15, 1973. WITH RESPECT TO YOUR REFERENCES TO THE 28 JUNE 1972 MEMORANDUM, I FEEL THAT THREE OBSERVATIONS ARE IN ORDER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FURNISHED ME BY THE STAFF. PARAGRAPH. THE MEMORANDUM WAS NOT PROVIDED TO THIS OFFICE UNTIL JULY 26, 1973, TWO MONTHS AFTER MR. COX'S APPOINTMENT AS SPECIAL PROSECUTOR. THE EXISTENCE OF THE MEMORANDUM WAS UNKNOWN TO THE TWO ATTORNEYS WHO INTERVIEWED YOU ON JULY 31 AND INASMUCH AS YOUR STATEMENTS DURING THE INTERVIEW DID NOT ALERT THEM TO THE EXISTENCE OF THE MEMORANDUM IT DID NOT OCCUR TO THEM TO QUESTION YOU AS TO WHY OR UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES IT WAS WRITTEN. PARAGRAPH. I TRUST THIS CLARIFIES THE MATTER AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU ON NOVEMBER 26 at 5:00 P.M. SINCERELY, UNQUOTE.

2. AM FORWARDING THIS MESSAGE TO YOU, BECAUSE WANTED TO GIVE YOU MAXIMUM TIME TO ESTABLISH FACTS ABOUT WHEN MEMORANDUM OF 28 JUNE 1972 WAS INDEED PROVIDED TO COX. I CANNOT ESCAPE FEELING THERE IS SOMETHING FISHY ~~IN~~ ^(ABOUT) ALL THIS.

APPROVED FOR RELEASE
DATE: MAR 2008

mt

HR70-14
(U)

7544

5880