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FOR AMBASSADOR HEJMS FROM MAURY

1. ON 7 DECKVEER LYLE MILLER AND I HAD THREE-FOUR MEETING WITH SENATOR BAKER IN RESPONSE HIS REQUEST TO REVIEW PERSONALLY COLLECTION OF SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO WATERGATE WHICH HAD BEEN SHOWN TO STAFF OFFICERS OF AGENCY OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEES, ERVIN COMMITTEE, AND THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR BUT NOT RELEASED FOR INCLUSION IN ANY COMMITTEE RECORDS. ALSO PRESENT WAS GEORGE MURPHY, JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY STAFF, WHOM BAKER HAD SEQUESTERED TO ASSIT IN REVIEWING SENSITIVE WATERGATE MATERIAL.

2. BAKER READ ENTIRE INCH-THICK COLLECTION, FOCUSING PARTICULARLY ON LUKOSKIE HANDWRITTEN MEMO OF 10 JULY 1972 WHICH BAKER INTERPRETED AS INDICATING BENNETT MIGHT HAVE BEEN REPORTING TO AGENCY CASE OFFICER

INFO ON CIA OPERATION RELATING TO WATERGATE BEING RUN THROUGH MULLEN COMPANY. WE EXPLAINED FACTS REGARDING MULLEN COMPANY RELATIONSHIP AND LUKOSKIE'S PRESUMED CONCERN OVER PROTECTION SENSITIVE

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THAT HE HAD RECEIVED, WITHOUT SEEKING IT, INFORMATION FROM SOURCE HE CONSIDERED RELIABLE WHICH WAS THE BASIS FOR HIS CONTINUED SUSPICIONS. HE EXPLAINED HE NOT WERE PROVIDE US WITH EITHER SPECIFIC INFORMATION OR ITS SOURCE. I SAID THIS EXTREMELY SERIOUS MATTER AND EVEN THOUGH HE COULD NOT PROVIDE DETAILS WE WOULD AT LEAST HOPE HE COULD SUBMIT QUESTION TO WHICH WE COULD RESPOND IN AN EFFORT TO SATISFY HIS CONCERN HE SAID WOULD TRY TO DO THIS.

4. I WENT ON TO SAY THERE MANY IRRESPONSIBLE AND MALICIOUS ALLEGATIONS ABOUT AGENCY AND WATERGATE, AND ONE WOULD DO WELL TO STUDY MOTIVES WHICH MIGHT INSPIRE THEM. FOR EXAMPLE, I SUGGESTED THAT DEFENDANTS AGAINST PROSECUTION WERE RUNNING SCARED AND MIGHT FIND IT USEFUL TO USE AGENCY AS SMOKE SCREEN OR RED HERRING. BAKER CONCEDED THIS POSSIBILITY, BUT MILLER AND I SHARE IMPRESSION THAT HE REACTED RATHER DEFENSIVELY, HASTENING TO EMPHASIZE THAT PRESS STORIES THAT HE HAD "PREPARED A 22 PAGE REPORT ON CIA ACTIVITIES" WAS COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED.

5. IN CONCLUSION BAKER SAID HE HAD HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN ABSORBING ALL RELEVANT FACTS FROM MASS OF DOCUMENTS HE HAD WADED THROUGH, AND ASKED THAT WE WORK THROUGH FRED THOMPSON, MINORITY COUNSEL, ERVIN COMMITTEE, AND MURPHY TO TRY TO PUT THE ESSENTIAL FACTS

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IN A MORE COHERENT NARRATIVE FORM TO WHICH WE AGREED. WE ALSO AGREED TO HIS REQUEST FOR A PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH LUKOSKIE.

C. ON 11 DECEMBER LYLE MILLER ACCOMPANIED LUKOSKIE FOR FOLLOWUP MEETING WITH BAKER AND MURPHY, DURING WHICH MURPHY PLAYED MORE ACTIVE ROLE AS INTERROGATOR, AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS EMERGED:

FISIE A. BAKER HAS INTERVIEWED MARTINEZ AND FINDS DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN MARTINEZ AND AGENCY ACCOUNT OF MARTINEZ' CHANCE ENCOUNTER WITH HUNT IN MIAMI WHICH WAS REPORTED TO HEADQUARTERS VIA ESTERLINE. BAKER IS MAKING THE MARTINEZ TRANSCRIPT OF THIS INTERVIEW AVAILABLE TO US.

B. BAKER WILL BE INTERVIEWING BENNETT 17 DECEMBER ON BASIS OF ABOVE MENTIONED LUKOSKIE MEMO.

C. BAKER RAISED NUMBER DETAILED QUESTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ALTHOUGH OUR ANSWERS WERE REASONABLE HE STILL IS TROUBLED. AT ONE POINT HE EVEN CONCEDED THAT HE MIGHT BE "GETTING PARANOID" ON THE SUBJECT, BUT INSISTED ONE MAJOR ELEMENT STILL DISTURBS HIM--JUST AS WHITE HOUSE SHOULD HAVE IMMEDIATELY LAUNCHED INTENSIVE INTERNAL INVESTIGATION FOLLOWING WATERGATE DISCLOSURES, SO SHOULD AGENCY HAVE DONE SAME.

D. IN EVALUATION FOREGOING NOTE PARALLEL WITH YOUR 6 AUGUST MEETING WITH BAKER AS DESCRIBED IN YOUR LETTER OF 4 OCTOBER. IN

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YOUR 29 OCTOBER LETTER YOU WONDERED HOW MUCH OF THIS SUSPICION IS BEING GENERATED BY THOSE WHO MAY BE HEADED FOR INDICTMENT. BAKER'S APPARENTLY DEFENSIVE REACTION TO THIS SUGGESTION WHEN TALKING TO MILLER AND ME MAY BE SIGNIFICANT. ANOTHER HYPOTHESIS IS THAT BAKER'S MYSTERIOUS INFORMATION MAY BE FROM MILES COPELAND (SEE DIR [] OF 21 NOVEMBER). WE HAVE NO INFO ON WHETHER COPELAND EVER WROTE BAKER AS PROMISED TO CONCEDE HIS INFORMATION BASED ON SPECULATION AND GOSSIP.

7. WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON ABOVE OR ANY OTHER THEORIES ON WHAT'S BUGGING BAKER. MEANWHILE WE MAY ENLIST HELP OF SYMINGTON OR STENNIS IN SMOKING OUT SUBSTANCE, IF NOT SOURCE OF BAKER INFO F2 IMPDET.

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