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Conversation with VICTOR MARCHETTI on June 6, 1975

Attendees: SELECT COMMITTEE: Senator Schweiker  
Elliot Maxwell

I met with Victor and Senator Schweiker for approximately one hour and a half. Victor made the following points.

1. It was not unlikely that people would have failed to tell Director McCone about certain actions. He came into the Agency with a mandate from JFK to change it and announced that he was going to fire a number of people (Victor thinks that it was between 300 and 500.) This and the fact that he was an outsider created a great deal of hostility. Given this there might be back-channeling by people in DDO.
  2. We might find out what McCone knew by asking Pat Carter who was his deputy or Lyman Kirkpatrick who was then Executive-Director-Controller. Kirkpatrick left when Admiral Raborn was made DCI. Kirkpatrick wanted to be DCI but it became clear when Helms was named deputy that he could not expect to be advanced. He was bitter when he left the Agency, particularly at Helms, and people in the Agency were very concerned when they found out that he was writing a book. He did submit it and they were able to negotiate changes in it. (We might want to check to see if the origins of the Kirkpatrick-Helms dispute were in the early days of the OPC and OSO)
  3. In the area of assassinations, Victor suggested that they were assassinations which took place which were not of foreign leaders. He cited the Marasco case involving a Green Beret in Vietnam and suggested that in many cases, agents were given what is described as a "local option". He thought that Jim Angleton might know if any of these options were taken.
- In addition to the assassinations we were already looking at, he felt that we might look at the assassination of General Schneider in Chile.
4. In regard to project MHMUTUAL, he raised several questions. These included:
    - (a) Where did the money come from (the retirement fund, the loan fund, credit union, escrow funds);
    - (b) On what basis were decisions made to invest it (was material from the research done for cover used or was information derived from foreign intelligence gathering used).

He suggested that two former PPB officials, Bryan Engel (Eagle?) now in the White House Office of Telecommunications and Frank Walters, who might still be at CIA might be knowledgeable about MHMUTUAL. He also suggested talking to John Clark who sat

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on the board, Larry Houston who chaired the board, and a Mr. Allen who was in the Office of Economic Research.

5. We also discussed the Domestic Operations Division. He suggested we talk to Seymor Russell who headed it and Wally Lampshire who helped to set up DOD with Tracy Barnes. He thought DOD had grown out of the Domestic Operations Branch which was set up in the early 1950s' to handle problems involving refugees from eastern Europe.

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