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TO: TERFAN.

FOR AMBASSADOR HEINS

1. ON 19 NOVEMBER SENATOR SYMINGTON BROUGHT UP TWO ARTICLES IN RECENT ISSUES (14 SEPTEMBER AND 26 OCTOBER) OF NATIONAL REVIEW BY KILES COPELAND. IN 14 SEPTEMBER ARTICLE COPELAND CLAIMS TALKS WITH PEOPLE AT LANGLEY HAVE CONVINCED HIM THAT "WITH OR WITHOUT EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM SOMEONE IN THE AGENCY, MCCORD TOOK HUNT AND LIDBY INTO A TRAP. AFTER ALL, THE CIA SPECIALISTS IN OPERATIONS OF THE FLIMMERS' KILO HAD A LOT TO GAIN FROM PUTTING THE WHITE HOUSE'S CLOWNS OUT OF BUSINESS. THE ULTIMATE CONSEQUENCES WERE A HIGH PRICE TO PAY, BUT, AFTER ALL, IT WASN'T THE AGENCY THAT HAD TO PAY IT."

2. ON RECEIVING FROM SENATOR BAKER, SYMINGTON ON 19 NOVEMBER HAD THASWELL CALL COPELAND IN LONDON TO ASK HE RETURN TO TESTIFY ON MATTER. IN THAT CONVERSATION, COPELAND CLAIMED THAT HE HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BAKER AND TOLD HIM IN CONFIDENCE THAT JOHN WAGNER WAS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH INFORMATION ON WHICH COPELAND'S ALLEGATIONS...
TIONS WERE BASED, COPELAND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO WRITE LETTER IN PLACE
OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE IN WHICH HE WOULD CONCEDE HIS SPECULATION
WAS BASED ON UNINFORMED GOSSP AND HE HAD NO EVIDENCE, BUT HE
FLATLY REFUSED RETURN WASHINGTON AT THIS TIME AND SAID HE WOULD ALSO
REFUSE BOROP SUPPORT EVEN IF SERVED.

3. 19 NOVEMBER CABLE RECEIVED FROM CORD MEYER, COPELAND
CALLED FOR URGENT MEET WITH MEYER THAT DAY AT WHICH HE SAID BAKER
HAD PHONED HIM ON 16 AND 17 NOVEMBER EXPRESSING INTEREST IN ABOVE-
QUOTED PASSAGE FROM 14 SEPTEMBER ARTICLE. COPELAND MAINTAINED TO
MEYER HE HEARD GOSSP WHEN LAST IN WASHINGTON FROM PAST AND
PRESENT AGENCY STAFFERS BUT INSISTED DID NOT WISH TESTIFY OR CAUSE
TROUBLE. MEYER SUGGESTED COPELAND ADMIT TO BAKER HIS SPECULATION
BASED ON UNINFORMED GOSSP, NOT EVIDENCE, COPELAND INDICATED WOULD
WRITE SUCH A LETTER TO BAKER BUT IF NOT ANXIOUS TESTIFY BEFORE
COMMITTEE.

4. 20 NOVEMBER MEYER CABLED HAD JUST RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM
COPELAND WHO SAID HAD NO INTENTION RETURN WASHINGTON, BRASWELL
HAD NO POWER SUPPORT HIM IN UNITED KINGDOM, BUT HE WOULD WRITE
LETTER TO BAKER ALONG LINES PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED.

5. ONLY TIME WARMER HAS SEEN COPELAND SINCE HE LEFT AGENCY
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WAS AT HEADQUARTERS MEETING ATTENDED BY BOTH WARNER AND THURMER AT WHICH MATTER OF COPPLAND'S FORTHCOMING BOOK WAS MENTIONED AND WARNER ASKED COPPLAND TO SUBMIT MANUSCRIPT FOR REVIEW.

6. RE YOUR UPCOMING VISIT, BELIEVE YOU MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE A CHAT WITH SYMINGTON AND WOOLSEY OVER WEEKEND. BOTH EXPECT TO BE AVAILABLE SATURDAY, 24 NOVEMBER AND SYMINGTON WOULD BE GLAD HAVE YOU CALL HIM AT HIS WATGATE (1) APARTMENT, PREFERABLY AROUND 0930 OR 0900 HOURS, FEDERAL 8-2964. (FYI HE EXPECTS TO BE IN HOSPITAL FOR TWO WEEKS BEGINNING THE 25TH). WOOLSEY'S CLEAN HOME PHONE IS 538-5270.

7. IN ABSENCE OF NEZNI HAVE, AS COURTESY, INFORMED STATISTEBK OF YOUR UPCOMING VISIT. HE RECOMMENDS THAT IF POSSIBLE YOU PAY BRIEF CALL ON NEZNI BEFORE YOUR RETURN THERE. BELIEVE THIS GOOD IDEA IF YOU CAN WORK IT IN, SINCE WE NEED ALL HELP WE CAN GET IN PREVENTING RENEWED WATGATE AGITATION IN HOUSE SIMILAR TO THAT HOW CURRENT IN SENATE. L. JURGEN.

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