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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
July 7, 1970

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The Office of Special Investigations (OSI), U.S. Air Force, advised that U.S. Air Force regulations require that uniformed personnel and civilian U.S. Air Force employees coordinate any contact with Congressional representatives with the Legislative Liaison Office and that classified matters cannot be discussed with Congressional representatives without prior approval of the Legislative Liaison Office. OSI advised that at the present time it cannot be determined whether an employee of a U.S. Air Force contractor, such as Rand Corporation, would be bound by the same regulation; but if classified material was furnished to a Congressional representative, it could not have been with U.S. Air Force approval.

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On March 30, 1970, [Redacted] attorney for [Redacted] was contacted, at which time it was pointed out to [Redacted] that the FBI would desire to question [Redacted] relative to a situation in which it was felt she would be able to furnish information. On April 3, 1970, [Redacted] advised that he and [Redacted] would appear at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI for interview on April 9, 1970.

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On April 8, 1970, [Redacted] telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office of the FBI, at which time he stated that [Redacted] had decided she did not desire to be interviewed by the FBI, for personal reasons and that if she ever decided to the contrary, [Redacted] would contact the FBI.

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[Redacted] advised that a review of the sign-in records from October 1969 through January 1970 failed to reflect any record of [Redacted] being at Rand Corporation with his son. He pointed out that technically any individual over the age of 12 years is required to sign the register.

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[redacted] further stated that a preliminary check with guards had failed to shed any light on [redacted] being at Rand Corporation with his son. He did point out, however, that during Christmas holidays it was a normal custom for employees to bring their children in for visits and in such instances the practice of signing the register was not always adhered to.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] as an employee at Rand Corporation [redacted] and on the same date was [redacted] reportedly was to [redacted]

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On June 23, 1970,

[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] by Special Agents of the FBI.

[redacted] was also present at this interview. [redacted] was apprised of the basic allegations, in that [redacted] was reported sometime during the recent Christmas holidays to have visited Rand Corporation, accompanied by his son [redacted]. The son later related to his mother that he and his father went to Rand Corporation, where they picked up some papers from an office on Rand property. [redacted] took the papers to another office which was located away from Rand Corporation and made copies of them. His son [redacted] reportedly told his mother that he saw "Top Secret" written on these papers.

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[redacted] allegedly questioned [redacted] concerning this matter, at which time he advised her that it did not make any difference since the papers were to stay in the Government and that they were made for Senators Fulbright and Goodell.

[redacted] stated that at no time did [redacted] ever discuss furnishing any material of any kind to Senators Fulbright or Goodell. [redacted] stated that if he had been aware that [redacted] had done such a thing, he would have taken positive action. He continued that naturally [redacted] had no authority

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to reproduce any classified documents for anyone. He volunteered that if the above-mentioned Senators or any other Congressmen had formally requested a document, the documents would undoubtedly been made available to them, but in accordance with the proper procedure, i.e., clearing the material and their request for same through the proper channels.

[redacted] mentioned that it goes without saying that he had no definite knowledge as to what documents [redacted] might have reproduced but he offered that if he were to hazard a guess, it would pertain to documents from the "McNamara Study."

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He stated that the "McNamara Study" was a request by former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara to compile an outline of Viet Nam and the United States, commencing approximately 1940 up to the present time. Rand Corporation, among others, contributed in compiling this outline. [redacted] stated that the "McNamara Study" which is available at Rand Corporation would be comprised of many volumes and would fill at least two file cabinets. It was determined that certain papers in this particular "McNamara Study" would be classified by the Department of Defense as Secret, Top Secret and in some instances Confidential, depending on the particular paper.

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[redacted] elaborated on the above supposition by stating that sometime ago [redacted] became quite emotional concerning the United States' involvement in Viet Nam. [redacted] along with some other individuals at Rand Corporation, wrote a letter, which ultimately appeared in national publications, protesting U.S. involvement in Viet Nam. According to [redacted] this particular writing caused what he termed "raised eyebrows" not only at Rand but in Washington.

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[redacted] stated that in rebuttal to this particular paper, some other individuals at Rand Corporation wrote an article defending the U.S. position in the war in Viet Nam.

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[redacted] stated that sometime in April 1970 [redacted] came to [redacted] and advised him he felt that he would not feel free to express himself as he desired if [redacted] [redacted] He stated he felt he would

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like to be free to speak as he thought. He told [redacted] that [redacted] and the opportunity came where he might like to express his opinion on certain matters, that this could possibly result in embarrassment to the Rand Corporation.

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[redacted] stated he advised [redacted] that if he felt that way he agreed that it would be better [redacted] [redacted] pointed out that [redacted]

Consequently, on the same date that [redacted] at Rand Corporation, he was [redacted]

At the time that [redacted] he told [redacted] he had secured a position at [redacted] and he would be starting in his new position in September. [redacted] also told [redacted] that he would be remarrying in the near future and [redacted] stated he was not remarrying his former wife.

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[redacted] also stated that [redacted] Senator Fulbright's Foreign Relations Committee in Washington. He also pointed out that [redacted] was well known in Washington circles and at one time worked in the Pentagon. He stated [redacted] in his opinion, had a very sharp and keen mind but that he was very emotional, particularly in discussions relating to the Viet Nam war.

On June 30, 1970, [redacted] made available to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI an index of volumes contained in the "McNamara Study." A copy of this index is attached hereto (see Appendix). [redacted] again related that [redacted] was of the opinion that whatever documents or papers [redacted] might have taken from the Rand Corporation for reproduction might have come from among these volumes, the exact paper or papers naturally being unknown to [redacted] or to [redacted]

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[redacted] also stated he ascertained that [redacted] Senator Fulbright's Foreign Relations Committee and [redacted] He stated he did not know the [redacted] nor did he know if it was [redacted]

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[redacted] also stated that he determined the article which [redacted] and other individuals at Rand Corporation had written and which had appeared in a national publication was printed in its entirety in the October 12, 1969, edition of the "Washington Post." He stated that it was his understanding that an editorial relative to this article appeared in the October 10, 1969, issue of the "New York Times" but the article itself was not set forth.

[redacted] reaffirmed the statement of [redacted] in that [redacted] never advised him of his intention to furnish any information to Senator Fulbright or Senator Goodell. He further stated had he indicated a desire to do so, he would not have been granted this permission but that it would have been done in accordance with existing regulations.

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SUMMARY

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6-16-71

Attorney General (AG) had requested we interview [redacted], who allegedly claimed he knew who had leaked information in this matter to the New York Times.

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Attached summarizes results of interview of [redacted] who states a licensed analyst in New York, while visiting [redacted] told of having heard that [redacted] had been making contacts in press circles in New York in effort to negotiate publication of a document dealing with United States involvement in Vietnam. [redacted] described as a "troubled individual with personal problems". [redacted] known previously to [redacted] through [redacted]

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[redacted] reluctantly revealed identity of the New York analyst and has discussed this matter with an official of Department of State.

Information in attached is being sent to the AG by letter with copies thereof being sent to the Deputy AG and to the Assistant Attorney General-Internal Security Division (Mardian). Details will be sent to Mardian in report form when received from the field.

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TO DIRECTOR

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

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FROM WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (65-)

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NEW YORK TIMES UNQUOTE SERIES RE UNITED STATES - VIETNAM RELATIONS,
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INTERVIEWED JUNE FIFTEEN, LAST,

AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

IN EARLY PART OF MAY, LAST

[redacted]

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WHILE VISITING

[redacted]

IN WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC), ADVISED HE HAD HEARD ONE

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[redacted]

A QUOTE TROUBLED INDIVIDUAL WITH PERSONAL

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PROBLEMS UNQUOTE, HAD BEEN IN NEW YORK AND HAD MADE CONTACT
WITH GROVE PRESS AND OTHER NEW YORK NEWSPAPERS INCLUDING THE

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QUOTE NEW YORK TIMES UNQUOTE, IN AN EFFORT TO NEGOTIATE PUBLICATION OF A LARGE FOUR OR FIVE THOUSAND PAGE COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT DEALING WITH UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM.

[REDACTED] NOT CERTAIN BUT OF BELIEF THAT [REDACTED] LEARNED THIS INFORMATION [REDACTED] AND IN FACT [REDACTED] QUESTIONED [REDACTED] ABOUT CLASSIFICATIONS, AND AS TO WHETHER LEGAL ACTION MIGHT NOT BE TAKEN AGAINST GROVE PRESS IF SUCH A DOCUMENT WAS PUBLISHED [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE HEARD [REDACTED] ACTUALLY HAD POSSESSION OF THIS DOCUMENT AND THAT THERE WAS A LOGISTICAL PROBLEM CONNECTED WITH REPRODUCTION OF IT BECAUSE OF ITS SIZE. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT HE HAD EVER HEARD ANY REFERENCE TO THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A DOCUMENT. [REDACTED] SAID HE DID NOT AT THE TIME TAKE THIS INFORMATION TOO SERIOUSLY, AND NOT UNTIL HE READ THE TIMES ARTICLE OF SUNDAY, JUNE THIRTEEN, LAST, DID HE RELATE BACK TO HIS CONVERSATION WITH

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[REDACTED] AND REALIZED ITS SERIOUSNESS. ON JUNE FOURTEEN, LAST, HE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND TOLD HIM HE BELIEVED [REDACTED] TO BE THE SOURCE OF THE TIMES ARTICLE. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE KNOWS

[REDACTED] ONLY BY REPUTATION AND HAS NEVER MET HIM. HE DESCRIBED HIM AS HAVING BEEN EMPLOYED IN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THERE PRIOR TO NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, AND LATER EMPLOYED AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] BELIEVES

[REDACTED] PRESENTLY CONNECTED WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KNOWS [REDACTED] HAS

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GIVING A QUOTE VERY NEGATIVE, GUILT - RIDDEN APPROACH UNQUOTE, CONDEMNING UNITED STATES POLICY IN VIETNAM.

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[REDACTED] ALTHOUGH CRITICAL OF UNITED STATES POLICY IN VIETNAM

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DIFFERING WITH [REDACTED] AT FIRST RELUCTANT TO
DISCLOSE IDENTITY OF [REDACTED] AND AFTER DOING SO REQUESTED HIS
HAVING FURNISHED [REDACTED] IDENTITY NOT BE DISCLOSED. [REDACTED]

EMPLOYED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNTIL [REDACTED]

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REQUEST OF BUREAU

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE NEW YORK AND BOSTON OF
INVESTIGATION AND INTERVIEWS DESIRED IN THESE DIVISION.

INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY SA 'S [REDACTED] AND THOMAS

A. MENDENHALL.

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TOP SECRET

- Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- Mr. J. P. Mohr
- Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. D. J. Dalbey
- Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. J. R. Wagoner
- 1 - Mr. W. P. Wannall

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

DATE 12/9/81

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF
DATE 5-16-77

June 16, 1971

UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION;

"NEW YORK TIMES" SERIES REGARDING UNITED STATES - VIETNAM RELATIONS, 1945 - 1967

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GAITLC

This will confirm telephone calls on June 14 and 15, 1971, from Assistant Attorney General Robert C. Mardian to Mr. William C. Sullivan of this Bureau, wherein Mr. Mardian conveyed your requests that we interview four individuals who might have knowledge concerning captioned matter and that we conduct all necessary investigation in this matter.

On June 15, 1971, we interviewed three of the four individuals. The fourth, General Robert C. Hixon, was en route all day by car from his residence in McLean, Virginia, to a camping area in the vicinity of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. As soon as he can be located in that area, he will be interviewed and you will be apprised of the results.

[redacted] of the "Indianapolis Star" newspaper, Indianapolis, Indiana, reportedly had received from the "New York Times" some of the classified material involved in this matter. On June 15, 1971, he stated he had no such material. The only information received by his paper consists of teletype releases issued to regular subscribers by the New York Times News Service. [redacted] was candid, cooperative and volunteered to contact this Bureau should he receive any material of value in the future.

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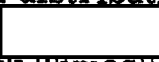
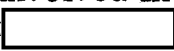
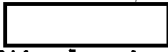
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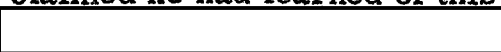
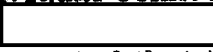
are commonly referred to as the ~~McNamara Study~~. At the time, Mr. Gelb was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense. On June 15, 1971, he furnished detailed information identifying individuals who had been connected with this task force or who were otherwise concerned with the preparation of the material. He acknowledged that lax security surrounding staff members would have made it possible for the material to have been reproduced before its final completion and official distribution; however, he did not think this was the case. He identified one  as the most likely person through whom the "New York Times" may have come into possession of the material involved in this matter. He explained that he did this on the grounds that  who was a member of the task force, had later become very radical regarding the Vietnam situation and had advocated the importance of making the "McNamara Study" public.  also, according to Mr. Gelb, had presented a paper at a political science convention, wherein he used classified information in paraphrased form taken from task force documents. Mr. Gelb expressed distress over the unauthorized disclosure in instant matter and offered every assistance possible.

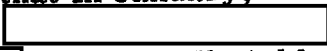
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 when interviewed on June 15, 1971, advised that a

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 told him in early May, 1971, that  had


claimed he had learned of this from an unnamed individual connected with  reluctantly disclosed  identity as the source of this information and specifically requested that the fact that he had done this not be disclosed.

Our files contain information to the effect that in January, 1970, we received information on a confidential basis from 

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 had allegedly told

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were made to interview [Redacted] ^{Efforts} ~~declined~~ to talk with us regarding this matter. No information was developed to substantiate the allegation although two officials of the Rand Corporation offered opinions that documents in the possession of that Corporation in which [Redacted] would be most interested related to the "McNamara Study." The results of our inquiries with regard to this allegation have been made available in the past to the Internal Security Division of the Department under the caption [Redacted] Espionage - X."

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We are proceeding with the investigation which you have requested in this matter on an expeditious basis and will keep you apprised of pertinent developments. Complete investigative results will be furnished as received to the Internal Security Division.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

NOTE:

See cover memorandum W. R. Wannall to C. D. Brennan, dated 6/16/71, captioned as above, prepared by WRW:JRW [Redacted]

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- 1 - W.C. Sullivan
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- 1 - Mr. T.E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. D.J. Dalbey
- 1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. W.R. Wannall

June 17, 1971

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. J.R. Wagoner
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UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION;
"THE NEW YORK TIMES" SERIES
REGARDING UNITED STATES - VIETNAM
RELATIONS, 1945 - 1967

Brigadier General Robert Hixon, whom you desired interviewed in this matter, was located at the Ponderosa Camp Ground, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on June 16, 1971. During June, 1968, he was assigned to work with the task force which prepared the classified material involved in this case, which material is usually referred to as the "McNamara Study." Among his responsibilities was the supervision of the printing and distribution of the completed study.

General Hixon, when interviewed, stated that it was he who ordered that 25 copies of the completed study be printed, and only he, a Colonel Robert Pursley and an unknown lieutenant commander were aware of the exact number of copies printed.

Based on his recollection, he stated that nine sets of the study were distributed. Two of these, he said, went to the National Archives and the others were distributed among various Defense Department officials, whose names are already known, a staff member of the White House, and the Rand Corporation of Santa Monica, California. These nine, he said, were issued under the control of the Classified Control Section within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The remaining 16 sets were placed in the personal vault of the Secretary of Defense and were not registered with the Classified Control Section. General Hixon advised that to record the distribution made, he had prepared a single copy of a memorandum entitled "Vietnam Study Group" and placed it in a safe which is presently in the office of Admiral Dan Murphy who succeeded him in his Department of Defense assignment. We will endeavor to secure a copy of this memorandum and furnish it to the Internal Security Division of the Department.

WRW (12)

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The Attorney General

General Hixon offered some personal observations regarding [REDACTED] who, as I advised you in my letter of June 15, 1971, had been named, by at least two individuals, as a suspect in the captioned matter. He said that [REDACTED] had prepared certain policy papers which were used in compiling the "McNamara Study." He considers [REDACTED] to be a "paper collector" and said that it would not be out of character for [REDACTED] to have given the "McNamara Study" to "The New York Times." He furnished no specific facts in this connection.

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We are continuing with our expeditious investigation in this matter, in accordance with your request, and will advise you of significant developments.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

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TO DIRECTOR

NEW YORK

FROM JACKSONVILLE (65-NEW)

UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION; "THE NEW YORK TIMES" SERIES RE UNITED STATES VERSUS VIETNAM RELATIONS, NINETEEN FORTY-FIVE TO NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING (NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

THE JUNE SIXTEEN MORNING ISSUE OF THE "DAYTONA BEACH MORNING JOURNAL" CARRIED ARTICLE BY NEIL SHEEHAN OF THE NEW YORK TIMES SERVICE CONCERNING U. S. RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM. THIS ARTICLE APPEARS TO BE A REPRINT OF THE ARTICLE FIRST PUBLISHED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES IN NEW YORK AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PAPERS WHO SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEW YORK TIMES SERVICE. IT IS INDICATED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST OF FIVE INSTALLMENTS WITH THE PUBLICATION OF THE FOURTH AND FIFTH INSTALLMENTS DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF COURT HEARINGS IN NEW YORK ON FRIDAY NEXT.

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IN VIEW OF ABOVE, NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN, UACB.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. C. A. Tolson

DATE: 6/15/71

FROM : ~~W. C. Sullivan~~ *WCS/5/4*

- 1 - Mr. C. A. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
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Late last night Mr. Robert C. Mardian, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, called me. He said the Attorney General wanted the FBI to immediately this morning interview two people to determine what they know about how the New York Times secured the material relative to the above captioned subject matter. By way of background on Sunday, June 13, 1971, the New York Times began printing a series of articles purporting to present a history of decision-making process by the United States on Vietnam policy for the period 1945-1967. The document from which this material was secured is classified "~~Top Secret~~" and is regarded as being extremely sensitive.

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The two people that the Attorney General wants to have the FBI interview immediately this morning are Mr. Leslie Gelb and General Robert Hixon. Mr. Leslie Gelb at the time the document was prepared was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense and later went over to the Department of State. General Robert Hixon at the time the document was prepared was Military Executive Officer to the Secretary of Defense. He is currently assigned in Vietnam but today he is on annual leave in Washington, D. C. General Hixon was involved in the distribution of the material at the time and the interview with him should cover this aspect as well as other relevant aspects. Mr. Leslie Gelb directed the study at the time and on interviewing him it should be

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realized that he has a comprehensive knowledge within this context.

Mr. Mardian said that the Department of Defense will have its own security personnel look into other developments and aspects of this case. He said Mr. J. Fred Buzhardt will be handling the matter for the Department of Defense.

I told Mr. Mardian that the Director will have to make the decision in this matter and that the Attorney General's request will be promptly relayed to the Director in the morning. He said this will be very satisfactory.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Director advise as to what he wants done in this matter.

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