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GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. FROEHLKE, MR. BUZHARDT, GENTLEMEN:

THIS IS AN INFORMATION BRIEFING. THE PRESENTATION WILL TAKE 30 MINUTES.

DURING THE PRESENTATION WE WILL COVER THREE MAJOR SUBJECTS.

FIRST, WE WILL COVER BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE OBJECTIVES AND CURRENT STATUS OF ACTIONS OF THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY OPERATIONS AND THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE ARMY.

SECOND, WE WILL SUMMARIZE THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEES WITH THE ARMY, AND ALLEGATIONS DIRECTED AGAINST THE ARMY AND PRESENT OUR FINDINGS IN THAT REGARD.

FINALLY, WE WILL DISCUSS CONTINUING AND ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE TASK FORCE.

A THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY OPERATIONS, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (THE HOLIFIELD COMMITTEE) IS ACTING ON A RESOLUTION BY THE HOUSE DIRECTING THE SUBCOMMITTEE "TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED MILITARY SURVEILLANCE OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS." THE STAFF HAS BEEN QUITE ACTIVE. THEY HAVE TRAVELED TO CIAD, HQ, INTC, CONARC, THE 113TH AND 116TH MI GROUPS FOR DETAILED QUESTIONING. THEY HAVE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED NUMEROUS PERTINENT DOCUMENTS. MORE IMPORTANT, THEIR QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS REVEAL A GROWING GRASP OF THE SUBJECT. SINCE THE ORIGINAL HOUSE RESOLUTION WHICH IS THEIR AUTHORITY WAS NOT REPORTED OUT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE 2D SESSION OF THE 91ST CONGRESS, FORMAL HEARINGS WOULD REQUIRE A NEW RESOLUTION BY THE 92D CONGRESS. THERE IS NO INDICATION EITHER THAT STAFF INQUIRY WILL SLACKEN OR THAT HEARINGS WILL BE HELD.

THE HEARINGS OF THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED TO BEGIN 23 FEBRUARY. WITNESSES SPECIFICALLY HOSTILE TOWARDS THE ARMY ARE SCHEDULED FOR 24 FEBRUARY AND CAN BE EXPECTED ALSO ON THE 25TH. THE NEXT SCHEDULED HEARINGS AFTER THESE WITNESSES IS 2 MARCH. THE ASD (A) IS SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY ON THAT DATE. AT PRESENT, NO OTHER WITNESSES FROM DEFENSE OR THE COMPONENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TESTIFY. OTHER HEARINGS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ARE PLANNED FOR 3, 4, 9, 10 AND 11 MARCH.

THE SUBJECT OF THESE HEARINGS IS "COMPUTERS, DATA BANKS, AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS." THE OVERALL GOAL, GIVEN BY SENATOR ERVIN, IS TO LEARN:

1. WHAT GOVERNMENT DATA BANKS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED;
2. HOW FAR THEY ARE ALREADY COMPUTERIZED OR AUTOMATED;
3. WHAT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ARE AFFECTED BY THEM;
4. WHAT OVERALL LEGISLATIVE CONTROLS ARE REQUIRED.

ACCORDING TO SENATOR ERVIN'S PRESS RELEASES AND THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, THE SCOPE OF THIS SERIES OF HEARINGS IS QUITE BROAD AND MILITARY SURVEILLANCE AND RECORD STORAGE IS ONLY A PART.

FOR CLARITY,

I SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT "SURVEILLANCE" AND "COLLECTION" OF INFORMATION, IN TERMS OF THE PRESENT ISSUES AND ALLEGATIONS, IS UNDERSTOOD TO INCLUDE ANY ACT WHICH GENERATES INFORMATION. SOLICITING INFORMATION FROM LIAISON CONTACTS OR CLIPPING ITEMS FROM A NEWSPAPER IS CONSIDERED "COLLECTION," JUST AS ARE ACTIVE FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS OR COVERT ACTIVITIES. "STORAGE" OF INFORMATION MAY RESULT FROM COLLECTION ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS FROM THE PASSIVE RECEIPT OF INFORMATION REPORTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE FBI FURNISHES REPORTS TO THE ARMY AS A MATTER OF COURSE. IN THE PAST, THESE REPORTS WERE STORED BY THE ARMY EVEN THOUGH WE HAD NO CURRENT INTEREST. GENERALLY SPEAKING, MAJOR ISSUES REVOLVE ABOUT THE "COLLECTION" OF CIVIL DISTURBANCE INFORMATION AND THE "STORAGE" OF BOTH CIVIL DISTURBANCE INFORMATION AND FBI INTERNAL SECURITY INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

¶ WITH REGARD TO REQUIREMENTS PLACED UPON THE ARMY FOR THE COLLECTION OF CIVIL DISTURBANCE INFORMATION, WE CAN DOCUMENT BEGINNING IN 1963 THE BROAD REQUIREMENTS ABOVE THE ARMY WHICH LED TO ARMY GUIDANCE TO THE FIELD. WE CAN ALSO DOCUMENT, IN SOME DETAIL, SPECIFIC SHORT-RANGE REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING ON SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES.

FORMAL REQUIREMENTS ORIGINATED IN 1963 WHEN JCS SM 685-63 TASKED CINCSTRIKE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MOVEMENT OF FORCES UNDER STRIKE COMMAND OPERATIONAL CONTROL TO AND FROM AN OBJECTIVE AREA IN CONUS IN A CIVIL DISTURBANCE SITUATION WHEN DIRECTED BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY, ACTING AS EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS. ON ARRIVAL IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA, CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY ASSUMED COMMAND AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR TROOP EMPLOYMENT. CINCSTRIKE OPLAN 563 STEEP HILL

THROUGH CONARC/ARSTRIKE GENERATED SUPPORTING PLANS IN THE CONUS ARMIES. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION VARIED WITH THE ARMY, BUT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION WAS LIMITED TO THAT INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH LOCAL LIAISON. THE REQUIREMENT STIMULATED, IF IT DID NOT ORIGINATE, FILES ON CIVILIANS AND ORGANIZATIONS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AT CONUS ARMY AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP HEADQUARTERS.

A CHANGE OCCURRED IN 1965, WITH THE FORMATION OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND. THE SEVEN CONUS MI GROUPS, FORMERLY UNDER THE ARMIES, WERE PLACED UNDER INTELLIGENCE COMMAND. ON 25 AUGUST 1965, SIXTH ARMY, IN THEIR CIVIL DISTURBANCE AFTER ACTION REPORT, FOLLOWING THE WATTS DISORDERS, DISCUSSED THE LACK OF TIMELY AND ACCURATE TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE. THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A DEFENSE REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION AT THE TIME. ON 22 SEPTEMBER 1965, DCSOPS RECOMMENDED DISCONTINUANCE OF A DAILY CIVIL DISTURBANCE SITREP TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF. THE RECOMMENDATION WAS EVENTUALLY REFERRED TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BY SECRETARY OF ARMY MEMORANDUM AND WAS APPROVED BY "CV," PROBABLY MR CYRUS VANCE. USAINTC ISSUED A STEEP HILL OPLAN IN FEBRUARY 1966 AND A SUPPLEMENT IN MARCH. COLLECTION WAS AUTHORIZED TO USE "ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE," WHICH WERE DESCRIBED AS "INTELLIGENCE STUDIES, REPORTS, ESTIMATES, ETC., PRODUCED BY CONUS ARMIES AND SUCH OPEN SOURCES AS NEWSPAPERS, RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS AND THROUGH LIAISON." COVERT ACTIVITIES WERE PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF CG, USAINTC. ON ARRIVAL OF THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY, THE LOCAL MI GROUP DESIGNATED A POINT OF CONTACT. HE AND ELEMENTS UNDER HIS COMMAND WERE PLACED UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE PROCSA.

A REQUIREMENT TO BRIEF THE PROCSA AND TO SUPPORT HIM ESTABLISHED A REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN FILES ON CIVILIAN PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS AT REGION AND SOME FIELD OFFICE ECHELONS IF PREVIOUS REQUIREMENTS HAD NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

FROM 23 JULY TO 2 AUGUST 1967 SERIOUS DISORDERS OCCURRED IN DETROIT. FEDERAL TROOPS WERE COMMITTED. THE AFTERACTION REPORT COMPLAINS OF A LACK OF PRE-COMMITMENT INTELLIGENCE. MR. CYRUS VANCE, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECDEF, DENT, RECOMMENDED PROVIDING INFORMATION IN ADVANCE "NECESSARY TO MAKE AN INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT OF THE OPTIMUM EMPLOYMENT OF FEDERAL TROOPS WHEN COMMITTED."

ON 8 JUNE 1968, DOD DIRECTIVE 3025.12 DESIGNATED THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PLANNING FOR, DEPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF MILITARY RESOURCES IN THE EVENT OF CIVIL DISTURBANCE. THE DATE IS THAT OF A FORMAL DOCUMENT. THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE ARMY POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO INVOLVEMENT IN CIVIL DISTURBANCE MATTERS HAD BECOME MORE DIRECT AT AN EARLIER DATE.

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EVEN AS TROOPS WERE BEING EMPLOYED AT DETROIT, THERE IS EVIDENCE OF CONCERN IN WASHINGTON. ON 27 JULY, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FORMED A TASK FORCE, HEADED BY THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, TO CONSIDER THE ADEQUACY OF PLANS FOR CONTROL OF CIVIL DISTURBANCE IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA. PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN OBTAINING HARD INTELLIGENCE WERE DISCUSSED AT THE FIRST MEETING. ON 31 JULY ACSI ISSUED THE FIRST CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES CIVIL DISTURBANCE ESTIMATE. A CSM 67-316 ESTABLISHED AN ARMY STAFF TASK GROUP FOR PREPAREDNESS IN CIVIL DISTURBANCE MATTERS.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE OCTOBER 1967 DEMONSTRATION AT THE PENTAGON ARE EVIDENT. THE UNDER SECRETARY ON 10 OCTOBER REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM ACSI ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS EXPECTED TO DEMONSTRATE. OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO HIM WERE THE NUMBER OF THOSE WHO ~~WILL~~ PARTICIPATE IN CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE. DATA WAS TO BE UPDATED DAILY.

ON 10 OCTOBER, ACSI PRESENTED A BRIEFING TO THE UNDER SECRETARY, THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND OTHERS CONCERNING THE PROJECTED DEMONSTRATION. IN

THE ENSUING DISCUSSION, THE CHIEF DIRECTED ACSI TO HAVE USAINTC PERSONNEL JOIN DEMONSTRATION BUS AND TRAIN CONTINGENTS.

ON 13 DECEMBER 1967, THE UNDER SECRETARY ASKED FOR A SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING PROSPECTIVE CIVIL DISTURBANCES, PEACE PROTESTS AND CIVIL RIGHTS PROTESTS IN CALENDAR YEAR 1968. ON THE 18TH, HE DIRECTED A REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE CIVIL DISTURBANCE PLAN FOR THE GREATER WASHINGTON, D. C. AREA.

FOLLOWING DETROIT IN 1967, BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP WERE ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON "INCIPIENT" CIVIL DISORDER, THAT IS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION BEFORE THE DISORDER OCCURRED. THIS LED TO THE VERY BROAD INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS PLACED ON THE FIELD IN MAY 1968.

ARMY GUIDANCE TO THE FIELD WITH REGARD TO COLLECTION PRACTICES WAS GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH SOUND PRINCIPLE. COLLECTION WAS LIMITED TO LOCAL LIAISON, EXCEPT IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE TROOPS MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO BE EMPLOYED. FORMAL GUIDANCE DEMONSTRATES AN INCREASINGLY HIGHER LEVEL OF RETENTION OF AUTHORITY FOR COVERT ACTIVITIES. BY MAY 1968, APPROVAL OF COVERT OPERATIONS WAS RESERVED TO THE ACSI.

THE FORMAL COLLECTION RESTRICTION GUIDANCE WAS NOT IMPLEMENTED. A MONTH BEFORE THE PLAN WAS PUBLISHED, THE UNDER SECRETARY AT A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAD EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT INTELLIGENCE COULD BE IMPROVED. ON 15 APRIL, THE VICE CHIEF HAD ATTENDED A CONFERENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. "A NEED FOR IMPROVED INTELLIGENCE OF POSSIBLE OR INCIPIENT CIVIL DISTURBANCE WAS EMPHASIZED."

IT IS EVIDENT THAT AT LEAST TO THE INAUGURATION OF 20 JANUARY 1969,
THE EMPHASIS ON THE PART OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP WAS ON
THE ACQUISITION OF INFORMATION. IN JULY 1968, A SUBORDINATE ELEMENT
OF DIA EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE "PROPRIETY" OF ARMY COLLECTION OF CIVIL
DISTURBANCE INFORMATION. THE DIRECTOR, DIA, DID NOT ADOPT THAT POSITION.
THE RECORD SHOWS NO OTHER ETHICAL OR CONSTITUTIONAL QUALMS IN THE 1967-
1968 TIME FRAME. ⁹ ON 28 SEPTEMBER 1968, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
REQUESTED DEPARTMENT OF ARMY TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO ASSIST JUSTICE IN
IMPROVING ITS INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES.

THERE IS THE CONSTANTLY EXPRESSED AWARENESS ON THE PART OF THE CIVILIAN
LEADERSHIP THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COULD NOT OR WOULD NOT FURNISH
THE INFORMATION REQUIRED. AS EARLY AS NOVEMBER 1967, WE FIND THIS
CONSCIOUSNESS DOCUMENTED. IT CAN BE FOUND IN SECRETARIAL PAPERS AS
LATE AS APRIL 1969.

THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND AT THE TIME HAS STATED
THAT PERSONAL GUIDANCE FROM THE UNDER SECRETARY AND THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WAS NOT UNUSUAL. HE WAS CALLED ON INNUMERABLE OCCASIONS, HE HAS SAID;
SOMETIMES BOTH WERE ON THE LINE. HE WAS URGED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION.
THE FORMER DEPUTY ACSI HAS REPORTED ENCOURAGEMENT RECEIVED FOR "GOOD
WORK" AND THAT HE PASSED IT ON TO THE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND.

DIRECT OBSERVATION OF CIVIL ACTIVITIES AND INTERVIEW OF PERSONS OTHER
THAN LIAISON CONTACT WERE THE CATEGORIES OF GREATEST DIVERSION FROM THE
FORMAL GUIDANCE. THERE ARE DOCUMENTS WHICH REFLECT A VOLUME OF SPECIFIC
REQUIREMENTS AND TASKING TO THE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND IN 1968. SPOT
REPORTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND CLEARLY SHOWED THE METHOD OF
COLLECTION. IN 1969 THE UNDER SECRETARY ESTABLISHED A REQUIREMENT FOR

QUARTERLY REPORTING ON SPOT REPORTS BASED ON OVERT METHODS OF COLLECTION
OTHER THAN THROUGH LIAISON. THE FACT IS THAT THE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND
WAS ENCOURAGED IN THEIR METHODS. NO EFFORT WAS MADE BY THE STAFF AND
THE SECRETARIAT TO CORRECT THE SITUATION UNTIL 1969.

WITH REGARD TO COVERT ACTIVITIES BY THE INTC AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF
ASA WE FOUND NO INSTANCE IN WHICH THE EMPLOYMENT OF THESE ELEMENTS WAS
NOT DIRECTED BY THE UNIFORMED ARMY STAFF OR WAS, AT LEAST, APPROVED
BEFORE THE FACT. THERE IS SOME QUESTION WHETHER SOME OF THESE WERE
KNOWN TO THE SECRETARIAT. THE FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF WOULD KNOW.
WE HAVE NOT QUERIED HIM. IN ONE TACTICAL UNIT, THE 5TH MID AT FORT
CARSON, WE DID FIND STRONG SUGGESTIONS OF EVASION OF DEPARTMENTAL AND
CONARC DIRECTIVE INVOLVING BOTH COVERT AND OFF-POST ACTIVITIES IN 1968
AND 1969.

CERTAINLY CIVIL DISTURBANCE REQUIREMENTS AS EARLY AS 1963 ESTABLISHED A
NEED FOR WHAT SENATOR ERVIN CALLS "DATA BANKS" AT ARMY LEVEL AND MI
GROUP AND SUBORDINATE MI HEADQUARTERS. IN 1967 THE REQUIREMENT BECAME
DEPARTMENTAL. GUIDANCE IN 1970 LED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THESE LOCAL
"DATA BANKS" AND TO THE PHYSICAL REMOVAL AND DESTRUCTION OF DEPARTMENTAL
HOLDINGS IN THE CIAD MICROFILM FILE. WE ARE LEFT WITH SOME PROBLEMS AT
THE INVESTIGATIVE RECORDS REPOSITORY - OUR CENTRAL DEPARTMENTAL FILE.
WE NOW KNOW, FROM SAMPLING, THAT WITHIN THE REPOSITORY'S APPROXIMATELY
EIGHT MILLION FILES AND DOSSIERS, THERE IS CIVIL DISTURBANCE INFORMATION - 15
REPORTED BY THE ARMY. WE KNOW THAT, SINCE AT LEAST 1939, THE FBI
HAS HONORED THE REQUIREMENT OF A PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM WHICH REQUIRES
THE EXCHANGE OF INTERNAL SECURITY INFORMATION BETWEEN THE FBI AND THE
ARMED SERVICES. THIS HAS RESULTED IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF A LARGE VOLUME

OF REPORTS ON PERSONS INVOLVED IN CITED SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS AND ON PERSONS INVOLVED WITH SOME OF THE NEWER POLITICAL GROUPINGS. THESE REPORTS, REACHING THE INTELLIGENCE RECORDS REPOSITORY HAVE BEEN FILED. THERE ARE REPORTS ON INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AT FORT HOLABIRD. THE ORGANIZATIONAL FILES CAN BE DEFENDED AS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT PERSONNEL SECURITY ADJUDICATIONS OF ARMY MEMBERS. UNDER FORMER POLICY, RETENTION WAS REQUIRED. IN TERMS OF THE POLICY OF 15 DECEMBER 1970, THEIR VOLUME CANNOT BE DEFENDED. A ONE-SHEET CHARACTERIZATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD SERVE THE PURPOSE OF ADJUDICATION JUST AS WELL AS THE PRESENT 124 LINEAR FEET NOW ON HAND ON THAT SUBJECT. TODAY, FILES ON INDIVIDUALS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CANNOT BE DEFENDED AT ALL. THEY ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE ARMY POLICY OF 15 DECEMBER 1970.

ff OUR INQUIRIES CONCERNING SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS PRINTED IN THE PAPERS OR STEMMING FROM FIRST TUESDAY AND THE ACLU CHICAGO LAW SUIT ARE FAR FROM COMPLETE. WE CAN SAY, AS A RESULT OF OUR INQUIRIES THAT MOST ARE FACTUAL. ALLEGATIONS OF INTENSIVE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE COVERAGE AT THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTIONS OF 1968 ARE NOT FACTUAL. THERE WERE NO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DUTY ASSIGNMENTS IN THE CONVENTION HALL, EVEN IN SUPPORT OF THE SECRET SERVICE. VERY DETAILED BACKUP IS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THIS STATEMENT.

IN BROAD CONTEXT IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT THE ARMY HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN THE COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF INFORMATION ON THE LEGAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF CITIZENS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

THE ALLEGATION IS SUPPORTED. THE INTENT WAS TO REPORT ON "INCIPIENT" CIVIL DISTURBANCE, ON LEADERS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO VIOLENCE AND ON LEADERS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE PRESENCE MIGHT INDICATE A PEACEFUL GATHERING. NEVERTHELESS, THE ACTIVITIES OF SOME LEGALLY PROTESTING CITIZENS WERE REPORTED WITH ATTENTION TO LEADERS. REPORTING (CONT'D)

REQUIREMENTS WERE PROGRESSIVELY REDUCED 28 MAY 1969, 23 APRIL 1970,

AND ELIMINATED EXCEPT ON DEPARTMENTAL ORDER, 9 JUN 1970.

IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT THE ARMY CONDUCTED INVESTIGATIONS OF POLITICAL LEADERS. WE RECENTLY CHECKED THE RECORDS REPOSITORY ON THE NAMES OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE 91ST AND 92ND CONGRESSES AND THE GOVERNORS OF THE 50 STATES, A TOTAL OF 704 INDIVIDUALS. THERE WERE FILES RELATED TO THE FORMER MILITARY ^{AFFILIATION} SERVICE OF SOME. THERE WERE ALSO 7 INSTANCES OF INFORMATION WHICH WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER CURRENT POLICY. NONE OF THESE REPRESENT ARMY COLLECTION OR INVESTIGATION. THESE ARE REPORTS OF OTHER AGENCIES. IN THREE OF THE SEVEN INSTANCES, IT IS EVIDENT THAT ARMY ONCE HAD AN INTEREST, BUT THE REASON FOR THE INTEREST IS NO LONGER KNOWN. WHILE WE DID NOT "INVESTIGATE" POLITICAL LEADERS, WE DID IN SOME INSTANCES REPORT THEIR PRESENCE AT ASSEMBLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS. AT LOCAL LEVELS-- FIELD ARMIES AND MI GROUPS--FILES CONTAINING NEWS CLIPPINGS AND PROBABLY RELEVANT SPOT REPORTS WERE MAINTAINED ON SOME INDIVIDUALS. THESE WERE DESTROYED IN THE SUMMER OF 1970 AND IT IS NOW DIFFICULT TO SAY EXACTLY WHOSE NAME WAS CONTAINED IN SOME OF THOSE FILES.

THERE IS AN IMPORTANT QUALIFICATION TO ANY DENIAL OF INVESTIGATION OF POLITICAL LEADERS. IN AT LEAST ONE INSTANCE, WE DID CONDUCT A FORMAL INVESTIGATION OF A CHICAGO ALDERMAN, A RESERVE MAJOR, WHO IS ASSOCIATED WITH AN ORGANIZATION WHICH SUPPORTS AN UNDERGROUND PAPER. SEVERAL OTHER ALDERMEN, SIMILARLY INVOLVED BUT NOT CONNECTED WITH THE ARMY, WERE THE SUBJECTS OF FILES OF NEWS CLIPPINGS, FBI REPORTS AND INCIDENTAL ARMY AGENT REPORTS. OUR CONCERN WITH THEM WAS THEIR SUPPORT OF THE UNDERGROUND PAPER, BUT--THEY ARE ALDERMEN, POLITICAL LEADERS. ON 16 FEBRUARY, ACSI

DIRECTED THE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND TO SUSPEND

PENDING REVALIDATION ALL OFFENSIVE COUNTERSUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS SUCH AS
THE ONE WHICH PRODUCED INFORMATION ON THE NON-MILITARY AFFILIATED
ALDERMEN.

IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT THE ARMY MAINTAINS FILES ON CITIZENS NOT
AFFILIATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AT THE INVESTIGATIVE RECORDS
REPOSITORY.

THIS IS TRUE. WE HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
RECORDS REPOSITORY. WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY SUCH FILES ARE MAINTAINED.
FIRST, OF COURSE, WE HAVE FILES ON PERSONS WHO WERE ONCE IN THE ARMY OR
WERE ONCE THE SUBJECT OF UNQUESTIONABLY AUTHORIZED INVESTIGATION, SUCH AS
CERTAIN DOD PERSONNEL. SECOND, FILES OF THE EUROPEAN AND PACIFIC
COMMANDS HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE RECORDS REPOSITORY. MOST
DAMAGING, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE 15 DECEMBER POLICY, IS A THIRD CATEGORY.
THESE ARE REPORTS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF THE DELIMITATIONS AGREEMENT -- 20
FROM OTHER AGENCIES. THE PROCESS OF PHYSICALLY EXAMINING THE RECORDS OF
THE RECORDS REPOSITORY AND OF SELECTING FOR ELIMINATION ANY REPORTS WHICH
DO NOT MEET THE CRITERIA OF OUR 15 DECEMBER 1970 POLICY WILL BE COSTLY.
ON 15 DECEMBER, THE ARMY DID GRANT TO THE RECORDS REPOSITORY AN EXCEPTION
WITH REGARD TO STORAGE OF FBI REPORTS ONLY PENDING STUDY OF THE SITUATION.
SINCE RECEIPT OF THE 15 DECEMBER 1970 LETTER, FBI REPORTS RECEIVED AT THE
RECORDS REPOSITORY HAVE BEEN SCREENED AND ONLY THOSE MEETING THE CRITERIA
ARE FILED. AS FILES ARE CALLED FOR BY REQUESTERS, THEY ARE SCREENED AND
PURGED.

ACTION IS UNDERWAY ON OTHER MEASURES TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE
15 DECEMBER LETTER. A POLICY ON REDUCING AUTHORIZED REQUESTERS OF FILES
AND ESTABLISHING A NEED TO KNOW IS PART OF THE IMPLEMENTING ACTION ACSI

HAS DIRECTED. FURTHER, THE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND HAS IDENTIFIED AND
WILL BRIEF THE ACSI ON 22 FEBRUARY ON MEASURES FOR PURGING STANDING
FILES BEFORE THEY ARE REQUESTED.

TO SUMMARIZE THE ISSUES AND ALLEGATIONS, THE CONCERN OF THE HOLIFIELD
COMMITTEE IS ALLEGED MILITARY SURVEILLANCE OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND
OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS. WE HAVE NOT INVESTIGATED MEMBERS OF THE 91ST
AND 92ND CONGRESS. WE HAVE NOT INVESTIGATED THE GOVERNORS OF LAST YEAR
AND THIS YEAR. WE HAVE PROBABLY INVESTIGATED OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS
SUCH AS THAT CHICAGO ALDERMAN, WE DID ASSEMBLE INFORMATION IN
LOCAL FILES ON SOME PUBLIC OFFICIALS. THESE LATTER ARE NOW DESTROYED.
ALLEGATIONS OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PRESENCE AT THE POLITICAL CONVENTIONS
OF 1968 ARE GROSSLY EXAGGERATED. WE WERE PRESENT IN CHICAGO AND MIAMI
IN CONNECTION WITH CIVIL DISTURBANCE. MI HAD NO OFFICIAL DUTIES OR
ASSIGNMENTS IN THE CONVENTION HALLS.

THE CONCERN OF SENATOR ERVIN WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENT DATA
BANKS RELATES TO OUR ASSEMBLY OF CIVIL DISTURBANCE DATA AT ARMIES AND
IN MI GROUPS BEGINNING AS EARLY AS 1963 AND AT CIAD BEGINNING IN 1967.
THESE HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. IT ALSO RELATES TO OUR COLLECTION OF
INFORMATION AT THE INVESTIGATIVE RECORDS REPOSITORY. EFFORTS ARE BEING
MADE THERE TO MEET THE CRITERIA OF THE 15 DECEMBER 1970 POLICY.

INSOFAR AS THE DEGREE OF COMPUTERIZATION OR AUTOMATION IS CONCERNED, THE
DEFENSE CENTRAL INDEX OF INVESTIGATIONS--AN INDEX, NOT A FILE, IS
COMPUTERIZED. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED BY THE ARMY TO SENATOR ERVIN. CIVIL
DISTURBANCE COMPUTER PROGRAMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAMS CONTAINING INFORMATION ON

CIVILIANS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAVE BEEN
DESTROYED AND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW ONES PROHIBITED.

WITH REGARD TO THE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY FORMER MEMBERS OF MILITARY
INTELLIGENCE--THESE ARE GENERALLY FACTUAL, ALTHOUGH SOMETIMES EMBROIDERED
OR TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT BY THE PRESS AND THE ACLU. IT IS DIFFICULT TO
SUBSTANTIATE "EXCESSES" IN TERMS OF THE DEMANDS OF 1968 AND 1969 ON THE
INTELLIGENCE COMMAND OR ITS OPERATING PERSONNEL. THE 5TH MID MAY HAVE
EVADED SPECIFIC IMPOSED RESTRAINTS.

TO DOCUMENT OUR CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUES AND ALLEGATIONS, THE TASK
FORCE HAS PRODUCED THIS CHRONOLOGY, WHICH IS ALSO A REGISTER OF DOCUMENTS
BEARING ON THE PROBLEM. OUR DOCUMENT #1 IS DATED 23 MARCH 1949. AS
DOCUMENTS ARE ACQUIRED WE REVISE THE CHRONOLOGY. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE
660 DOCUMENTS LISTED. DOCUMENTS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR FILE NUMBER, ARE
ENTERED CHRONOLOGICALLY. IT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO NOTE THE 10 APRIL 1968
ENTRY, DEBRIEF OF SECDEF MEETING. THIS IS DOCUMENT NUMBER 140. I HAVE
INSERTED A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT AT THE PAGE IN THE CHRONOLOGY. IT MAY
BE INTERESTING TO GLANCE AT IT AT THIS TIME. BACKUP SHEETS HAVE BEEN
PREPARED. MOST OF THE MAJOR BACKUP SHEETS ARE SUPPORTED BY SECONDARY
BACKUPS PROVIDING ADDITIONAL DETAIL. ALLEGATIONS BY SPECIFIC PERSONALITIES
ARE THE SUBJECT OF BACKUP SHEETS AS ARE GENERAL ALLEGATIONS. THERE ARE
108 SHEETS PREPARED TO DATE. BACKUP SHEETS PREPARED TO DATE ARE IN
THIS FOLDER. THE BACKUP SHEET AT TAB D IS A RECITAL OF BROAD REQUIREMENTS
PLACED UPON THE ARMY WHICH LED TO THE COLLECTION OF CIVIL DISTURBANCE
DATA. EXAMPLES, NOT A COMPLETE DISPLAY, OF SPECIFIC SHORT RANGE
REQUIREMENTS ARE AT TAB 15. WE HAVE NOT (CONT'D)

COMPLETED THIS WORK. NEW ALLEGATIONS OR NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION
HAVE BEEN A DAILY EXPERIENCE. CURRENTLY, WE ARE WORKING ON NEW BACKUP
SHEET REQUIREMENTS. THESE WILL ALL BE ASSEMBLED, TABBED, AND A CROSS
INDEX PREPARED TO FACILITATE QUICK ACCESS. A GLOSSARY OF TERMS HAS
BEEN PREPARED SINCE SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS OF TECHNICAL TERMS AND
ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEFINITIONS HAVE BEEN APPARENT IN THE ACLU TESTIMONY.
THE TASK FORCE HAS ALSO PROVIDED DRAFT REPLIES TO 272 WHITE HOUSE,
CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER INQUIRIES. ON 13 FEBRUARY 1971, THE TASK FORCE
RECEIVED A MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARIAT THROUGH THE SGS. THE

MEMORANDUM STATES THAT " FOCUS OF EFFORT

SHOULD BE UPON BEING PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE OSD WITNESS, PARTICULARLY
IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO PROMPTLY RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION."
THE MEMORANDUM NOTES "...WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT WE WILL BE GIVEN AN
OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT OSD WITNESS STATEMENT, BUT MUST BE
PREPARED TO DO SO ON VERY SHORT NOTICE AND WITH TIGHT DEADLINES." ON
17 FEBRUARY WE RECEIVED DIRECTION THAT THE PREPARATION OF A BASIC ARMY
STATEMENT REMAINS A FIRM TASK FORCE REQUIREMENT. OUR LATEST EDITION OF
AN UNCLASSIFIED ARMY STATEMENT WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE OFFICE OF

THE ARMY GENERAL COUNSEL FOR COMMENT AND COORDINATION. WE HAVE ALSO REQUESTED COMMENT FROM INTC, DOMS, AND CINFO. WE ARE, OF COURSE, PREPARED AT ANY TIME TO ASSIST WITNESSES, IF REQUIRED.

THERE ARE TWO REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TASK FORCE IN THE 13 FEBRUARY MEMORANDUM. "TO BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE OSD WITNESS" HAS ALREADY BEEN OVERTAKEN. DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS THROUGH THE ARMY GENERAL COUNSEL WERE RECEIVED ON 13 FEBRUARY. WE ARE SUPPORTING THE TASK FORCE, AS NOW ORGANIZED, HAS BEEN ON DUTY, AND THEREFORE AVAILABLE, TO RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. SUPPORT IS FURNISHED THROUGH THE ARMY GENERAL COUNSEL SINCE WE ARE TASKED TO SUPPORT HIS OFFICE AND HAVE NO CHARTER TO SUPPORT DEFENSE DIRECTLY.

THE OPPORTUNITY "TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT OSD WITNESS" STATEMENT" IS THE SECOND REQUIREMENT. IN ADDITION, WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE TESTIMONY OF HOSTILE WITNESSES ON 24 AND 25 FEBRUARY MAY CONTAIN SURPRISE ALLEGATIONS. QUICK INQUIRY AND REBUTTAL WILL BE NECESSARY.

WE EXPECT THAT, FOLLOWING THE APPEARANCE OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT WITNESS, THERE WILL BE A REQUIREMENT FOR REVIEW OF THE TRANSCRIPT WITHIN 24 HOURS. IF HE PROMISES AT THE HEARINGS TO FURNISH INFORMATION FOR THE RECORD, THERE WILL BE A DEMAND FOR RAPID RESPONSE TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION. DURING THE CRITICAL PERIODS OF THE HEARING TESTIMONY, WE ARE PREPARED TO MAINTAIN A 24 HOUR A DAY SCHEDULE IF THE SITUATION NECESSITATES. ALTHOUGH ARMY WITNESSES ARE NOT REQUIRED, TO BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT ARMY RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT STATEMENT CAN MEET SHORT NOTICE AND TIGHT DEADLINES, SELECTED OFFICERS AND UNITS WHICH COULD CONCEIVABLY FURNISH INFORMATION HAVE BEEN ALERTED. IN ORDER TO BE SURE THAT WE ARE CAPABLE OF QUICK REPLY TO HOSTILE TESTIMONY AND OF FURNISHING INFORMATION FOR THE RECORD,

IF THE DEFENSE WITNESS PROMISES SUCH AT THE HEARINGS, THE PERIOD OF ALERT EXTENDS THROUGH HIS APPEARANCE.

DURING THIS PERIOD SELECTED INDIVIDUALS AND KEY MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE WITHIN QUICK REACH OF COMMUNICATIONS, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE QUERIES AND RESPOND.

PERSONS TO BE ALERTED ARE GENERAL JOHNSON, GENERAL HAINES, THE FORMER ACSI, GENERAL YARBOROUGH, GENERAL FRANKLIN THE FORMER DEPUTY ACSI, AND ALL FORMER DIRECTORS OF DCDPO. THE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND WILL, AS A MINIMUM, INSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF KEY STAFF OFFICERS, AND GROUPS AND REGION COMMANDERS AND THEIR KEY STAFF. PENDING THE DECISION ON INVESTIGATION OF THE 5TH MID, FORMER DIVISION COMMANDERS AND FORMER G-2S WILL BE ALERTED ALSO. IF INVESTIGATION IS SUBSEQUENTLY DIRECTED, THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER OR BOARD WILL BE ALERTED. GENERAL BLAKEFIELD, FORMER COMMANDER OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON TO ASSIST THE TASK FORCE FROM 22 FEBRUARY THRU 3 MARCH. DURING THE ACTUAL HEARINGS, OCLL WILL FURNISH A DAILY SUMMARY OF THE HEARINGS. WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE TRANSCRIPTS ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE HEARINGS WHICH THEY REPRESENT. THESE WILL BE REVIEWED, FOR SIGNIFICANT ITEMS REQUIRING EXPLANATION OR REBUTTAL. THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE DEFENSE WITNESS, OF COURSE, WILL REQUIRE DETAILED REVIEW IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ITS DELIVERY.

WE PROPOSE TO EXPAND THE DAILY SUMMARY WE NOW SEND TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO INCLUDE SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND TESTIMONY AS IT DEVELOPS.

DURING THIS PRESENTATION, WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE OBJECTIVES AND CURRENT STATUS OF ACTIVITIES OF THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY OPERATIONS AND OF THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE INTERESTED IN ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO ARMY INTELLIGENCE.

ISSUES WITH REGARD TO COLLECTION, REPORTING AND STORAGE OF INFORMATION
HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED, ALONG WITH ALLEGATIONS DIRECTED AGAINST THE ARMY,
AND WE HAVE SUMMARIZED OUR FINDINGS CONCERNING THE ISSUES AND ALLEGATIONS.
WE PRESENTED THE STATUS OF OUR ACTIONS TO DATE AND THE MAJOR FUTURE
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TASK FORCE, AS WE SEE THEM. WE HAVE BEEN TASKED TO
PROVIDE A 24 HOUR A DAY CAPABILITY IF NECESSARY, TO:

1. PREPARE A BASIC ARMY STATEMENT;
2. BRIEF BACKUP WITNESSES AS REQUIRED;
3. SUPPORT THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY'S BOARD OF INVESTIGATION;
4. RESPOND THROUGH THE OFFICE OF ARMY GENERAL COUNSEL TO REQUESTS
FOR SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, TO INCLUDE
NECESSARY RESEARCH AND COMPOSITION;
5. ASSIST IN COMMENT ON THE DRAFT OSD WITNESS STATEMENT;
6. REVIEW TESTIMONY DURING THE HEARINGS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS
ON 24 AND 25 FEBRUARY IN ORDER TO INITIATE INQUIRIES, DETERMINE FACTS
AND FURNISH RESPONSE AS APPROPRIATE;
7. PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR THE RECORD, IF PROMISED BY THE DEFENSE
WITNESS DURING HIS TESTIMONY AT THE HEARINGS;
8. PARTICIPATE IN REVIEW OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE DEFENSE WITNESS,
AFTER TESTIMONY, IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY;
9. EXPAND OUR DAILY SUMMARY TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO INCLUDE
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

FURTHER, CERTAIN KEY ARMY OFFICERS AND THE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND HAVE BEEN
PLACED ON COMMUNICATIONS ALERT DURING THE PERIOD 22 FEBRUARY - 3 MARCH
AND THE FORMER COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND WILL BE
AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON DURING THAT PERIOD.

THIS CONCLUDES THE BRIEFING. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?