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FORM OF DOCUMENT	CORRESPONDENTS OR TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
#2 memo	Rostow to the President Confidential 1 p <i>open 8-1-95 NLJ 95-34</i>	11/20/68	A
#2a ltr	Hoover to Stegall <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Confidential 4 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	11/20/68	A
#3 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	11/19/68	A
#4a cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 2 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	11/19/68	A
#5 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	11/18/68	A
#6 memo	Rostow to the President <i>sanitized 8-1-95 NLJ 95-34</i> Secret 1 p (see 6a for dupe) <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-232</i>	11/18/94	A
#6a cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i> DUPLICATES of #6, 6a in Memos to the President vol. 106, #5, 5a	11/18/68	A
#7 memo	Bromley Smith to the President <i>open 11-21-00 NLJ 00-232</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 8-1-95 NLJ 95-34</i>	11/18/68	A
#7a cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith Secret 1 p <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i>	11/18/68	A
#7b cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 2 p 8a is a duplicate	11/16/68	A
#8 memo	Rostow to the President <i>open 11-21-00 NLJ 00-232</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 8-1-95 NLJ 95-34</i>	11/16/68	A
#8a cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>sanitized 4-20-95</i> Secret 2 p 7b is a dupe <i>NLJ 95-33</i> <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i>	11/16/68	A
#12 memo	Rostow to the President <i>open 11-21-00 NLJ 00-232</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 8-1-95 NLJ 95-34</i>	1/3/69	A
#12a cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	1/3/69	A

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#14 memo	Bromley Smith to the President <i>open 11-21-00 NLJ 00-232</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 8-1-95 NLJ 95-34</i>	12/17/68	A
#14a cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	12/17/68	A
#14b cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	12/14/68	A
#15 memo	Rostow to the President <i>open 11-28-00 NLJ 00-232</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 8-1-95 NLJ 95-34</i>	12/10/68	A
#15a cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	12/10/68	A
#16 cable	CAP 82689 <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i> Text duplicated in 17, 17b, 18	11/27/68	A
#17 cable	text of doc. #16 <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p	11/27/68	A
#17a memo	Smith to the President Secret 1 p <i>open 11-21-00 NLJ 00-232</i>	undated	A
#17b cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith Secret 1 p <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i>	11/27/68	A
#18 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith Secret 1 p <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i>	11/27/68	A
#19 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	11/26/68	A
#20 memo	Rostow to the President PCI 1 p <i>open 8-1-95 NLJ 95-34</i>	11/12/68	A
#21a cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	11/8/68	A
#22	dupe of 21a <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i>		
#23 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>sanitized 4-20-95</i> <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>NLJ 95-33</i>	11/7/68	A

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#24 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	11/7/68	A
#25 cable	CAP 82723 <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i> Secret 1 p <i>Dupe of #26 [Open 12-19-00 NLJ 00-231]</i>	11/6/68	A
#25b cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith Secret 1 p <i>Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i>	11/6/68	A
#25c cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith Secret 1 p <i>Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i>	11/6/68	A
#26 cable	CAP 82723 Secret 1 p <i>Dupe of #25</i>	11/6/68	A
#27 cable	CAP 82683 <i>sanitized 8-1-95 NLJ 95-34</i> Secret 2 p <i>#41 is a Duplicate [Open 11-21-00 NLJ 00-232]</i>	11/4/68	A
#28 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	11/4/68	A
#29 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	11/4/68	A
#29-1 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p (partial dupe of #30)	11/3/68	A
#30 cable	CAP 82650 <i>Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	11/2/68	A
#31 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	11/3/68	A
#32 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>sanitized 4-20-95</i> Secret 1 p (partial dupe of #30) <i>NLJ 95-33 [Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231]</i>	11/2/68	A
#33 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	11/1/68	A
#34 memo	Rostow to the President <i>Open 11-21-00 NLJ 00-232</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 8-1-95 NLJ 95-34</i>	11/1/68	A
#34a cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	10/31/68	A

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35a-cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	10/31/68	A
36-cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	10/30/68	A
37-memo	Smith to Rostow <i>open 8-1-95 NLJ 95-34</i> Secret 1 p	10/30/68	A
38b-note	from Deke DeLoach <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	10/30/68	A
39 memo <i>same sanitization 2/3/11</i>	Rostow for the Record PCI 3 p <i>sanitized 8-1-95 NLJ 95-34</i> <i>Demarc, 8/12/95/01 NLJ 00-232</i>	5/14/73	A
41-cable <i>same sanitization 8/11/14 per NLJ 13-95</i>	CAP 82683 <i>open 11-21-00 NLJ 00-232</i> Secret 2 p 27 is a duplicate	11/4/68	A
42a	Chronology PCI 16 p 51a is a duplicate <i>exempt 9/11/14 per NLJ 13-95</i>	undated	A
46-note	PCI 1 p <i>open 8-1-95 NLJ 95-34</i>	11/4/68	A
51a	DUPLICATE of 42a exempt 9/27/01 NLJ 00-234		
65-cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 2 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	12/21/68	A
66-cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 2 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	12/20/68	A
67-cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	12/20/68	A
68-note	Smith to Rostow PCI 1 p <i>open 11-21-00 NLJ 00-232</i>	12/19/68	A
68a-cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	12/19/68	A
68b-cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith <i>open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231</i> Secret 1 p <i>sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33</i>	12/19/68	A

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71 memo	Rostow to the President Secret 1 p Sanitized 9/27/01 NLJ 00-234 same sanitization 9/10/14 per NLJ 13-93	11/20/68	A
71a cable	Intelligence Cable Secret 6 p Sanitized 3-26-96 NLJ 95-31 same sanitization 8/11/14 per NLJ 13-94 page from Daily Brief	11/18/68	A
72	Top Secret- 1 p Sanitized 9/27/01 NLJ 00-233 exempt 9/27/01 NLJ 00-233 exempt 8/11/14 per NLJ 13-94 exempt 2-5-11 NLJ 10-94	11/22/68	A
77 memo	Rostow to the President	11/13/68	A
open 2-3-11 NLJ 10-96	TS 1 p Sanitized 1-20-03 NLJ 00-236		
77a cable	Intelligence Cable exempt 9/19/01 NLJ 00-235 Top Secret- 1 p 1 NLJ 10-97 exempt 10/10/14 per NLJ 13-96	11/13/68	A
78 memo	Rostow to the President	11/12/68	A
open 2-3-11 NLJ 10-96	TS 1 p Sanitized 1-20-03 NLJ 00-236		
78a cable	To White House (McCafferty) exempt 9/19/01 NLJ 00-235 Top Secret- 1 p 1 NLJ 10-97 exempt 10/10/14 per NLJ 13-96	11/12/68	A
79 cable	Intelligence cable exempt 9/19/01 NLJ 00-235 Top Secret- 1 p 1 NLJ 10-97 exempt 10/10/14 per NLJ 13-96	11/12/68	A
80 memo	Rostow to the President Exempt 8-22-06 NLJ 06-190 Secret 2 p Dups in Diary Backup "11/11/68," exempt 9/10/14 per NLJ 13-93 box 115 and Files WWR, "Nixon-Vietnam," box 5 EXEMPT NLJ 93-419, 4/94 exempt 9/27/01 NLJ 00-234	11/11/68	A
81 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231 Secret 1 p Sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33	11/10/68	A
82 memo	Rostow to the President	11/10/68	A
open 2-3-11 NLJ 10-96	TS 1 p Sanitized 1-20-03 NLJ 00-236		
82a cable	To White House (McCafferty) exempt 9/19/01 NLJ 00-235 Top Secret- 1 p 1 NLJ 10-97 exempt 10/10/14 per NLJ 13-96	11/10/68	A
83 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231 Secret 1 p Sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33	11/9/68	A
84 memo	Rostow to the President Sanitized 9/27/01 NLJ 00-234 Secret 1 p same sanitization 9/10/14 per NLJ 13-93	11/9/68	A
84a memo	Secret 3 p Sanitized 3-26-96 NLJ 95-31 open 9/27/01 NLJ 00-233	11/8/68	A

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85 cable	Intelligence Cable exempt 9/19/01 NLJ 00-235 Top Secret— 1 p NLS 10-97 exempt 10/10/14 per NLJ 13-96	11/7/68	A
86a cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231 Secret— 1 p sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33	11/7/68	A
87 cable	Intelligence Cable exempt 9/19/01 NLJ 00-235 Top Secret— 1 p NLS 10-97 exempt 10/10/14 per NLJ 13-96	11/7/68	A
88 cable	To White House (McCafferty) exempt 9/19/01 NLJ 00-235 Top Secret— 1 p NLS 10-97 exempt 10/10/14 per NLJ 13-96	11/7/68	A
89 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231 Secret— 1 p sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33	11/6/68	A
90 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231 Secret— 1 p sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33	11/4/68	A
91 cable	CAP 82675 Secret— 1 p Open 9-26-95 NLJ 94-218 Duplicate in Memos to President, vol. 103, #8	11/4/68	A
91b	DUPLICATES of 91 Secret— 4 p open		
92 memo open 2-11 NLS 10-96	Rostow to the President TS— 1 p sanitized 1-20-03 NLJ 00-236	11/4/68	A
92a cable	To White House (McCafferty) exempt 9/19/01 NLJ 00-235 Top Secret— 2 p NLS 10-97 exempt 10/10/14 per NLJ 13-96	11/4/68	A
94 cable	To White House (McCafferty) exempt 9/19/01 NLJ 00-235 Top Secret— 2 p NLS 10-97 exempt 10/10/14 per NLJ 13-96	11/2/68	A
95 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith Open 2-14-01 NLJ 00-231 Secret— 1 p sanitized 4-20-95 NLJ 95-33	11/1/68	A
96 cable	Intelligence Cable exempt 9/19/01 NLJ 00-235 Top Secret— 2 p NLS 10-97 exempt 10/10/14 per NLJ 13-96	11/1/68	A
97a memo	Rostow to the President NLS 94-215 TS— 1 p sanitized 1-20-03 NLJ 00-236	11/1/68	A

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97b cable	Intelligence Cable exempt 9/19/01 NLT 00-235 Top Secret— 1 p 11-16-97 Duplicate in Memos to the President vol. 103, doc. 59a, box 41 same sanitization 10/10/14 per NLT 13-96	10/28/68	A
98 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith open 2-14-01 NLT 00-231 Secret— 2 p sanitized 4-20-95 NLT 95-33	10/31/68	A
99 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith open 2-14-01 NLT 00-231 Secret— 1 p sanitized 4-20-95 NLT 95-33	10/31/68	A
100 memo	Rostow to the President same sanitization 9/16/14 per NLT 13-96 Secret— 1 p sanitized 4-20-95 NLT 95-33 Duplicate in Memos to President, vol. 102, #13	10/31/68	A
100a cable	Intelligence Cable exempt 9/19/01 NLT 00-235 Top Secret— 2 p exempt 2-11-97 NLT 10-97 exempt 8/11/14 per NLT 13-94	undated	A
101 cable	To White House (McCafferty) same sanitization 10/10/14 per NLT 13-96 Top Secret— 1 p sanitized 4-20-95 NLT 95-33 Duplicate in Memos to President, vol. 102, doc. 23a, box 41	10/31/68	A
102 cable	To White House (McCafferty) exempt 9/19/01 NLT 00-235 Top Secret— 1 p sanitized 4-20-95 NLT 95-33 Duplicate in Memos to President, vol. 102, doc. 21a, box 41 same sanitization 10/10/14 per NLT 13-96	10/31/68	A
103 memo [bug # 45a, mTP 102, Box 41]	To Rostow, Rusk same sanitization 6-20-03 NLT 02-137 Secret— 3 p sanitized 3-26-96 NLT 95-37 same sanitization 8/11/14 per NLT 13-94 sanitized 9-27-01 NLT 00-233	10/29/68	A
104 cable	To White House (McCafferty) exempt 9/19/01 NLT 00-235 Top Secret— 1 p 11-16-97 exempt 10/10/14 per NLT 13-96	10/28/68	A
105 cable	To White House (McCafferty) exempt 9/19/01 NLT 00-235 Top Secret— 2 p sanitized 4-20-95 NLT 95-33 same sanitization 10/10/14 per NLT 13-96 Duplicate in Memos to President, vol. 101, doc. 1a		
106 memo Same sanitization 2-11-97 NLT 10-97	To Rostow, Rusk more info released 8/11/14 per NLT 13-94 Secret— 2 p sanitized 3-26-96 NLT 95-37 sanitized 9-27-01 NLT 00-233	10/26/68	A
107 cable	To White House (McCafferty) exempt 9/19/01 NLT 00-235 Top Secret— 1 p 11-16-97 exempt 10/10/14 per NLT 13-96	10/26/68	A

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108 cable	To White House (McCafferty) exempt 9/19/01 NLS 00-235 Top Secret— 2 p 1-20-02 NLS 00-236 exempt 10/10/14 per NLS 13-96	10/25/68	A
109 memo sanitized 2-31-96 NLS 10-96	Rostow to the President TS 1 p sanitized 1-20-02 NLS 00-236	10/29/68	A
109a cable	To White House (McCafferty) exempt 9/19/01 NLS 00-235 Top Secret— 2 p sanitized NLS 10-96 Duplicate in Memos to the President, vol. 102, doc. 2a, box 41	10/23/68	A
110 memo	Rostow to the President open 9/27/01 NLS 00-234 Secret— 1 p	10/18/68	A
110a memo same sanitization 2-24-96 NLS 10-96	To Rostow, Rusk more info released 8/11/14 per NLS 13-94 Secret 3 p sanitized 8-26-96 NLS 95-31 Sanitized 8-27-01 NLS 00-238	10/18/68	A
111 cable	Director, FBI to Bromley Smith open 2-14-01 NLS 00-231 Secret 1 p sanitized 4-25-95 NLS 95-33 duplicate of 111 - 1 p - open 2-14-01 NLS 00-231	10/1/68	A
112 cable	State 230298 Secret— 2 p open 5-5-95 NLS 95-32	8/29/68	A
113 cable	To Saigon exempt 9/19/01 NLS 00-235 Top Secret— 1 p exempt 2-31-96 NLS 10-96 exempt 8/11/14 per NLS 13-95	8/13/68	A
114 cable	CAP 81797 TS 1 p same sanitization 2-31-96 NLS 10-96 sanitized 1-20-02 NLS 00-236 same sanitization 8/11/14 per NLS 13-95	8/3/68	A

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Processing note on "South Vietnam and U.S. Policies" folder

As received by me the folder breaks down into three parts:

1. Documents fastened to the left side of the folder (#1-38b). These date from 10-68 thru 11/12/69, and are divided by tabs into two sections- "Gardiner" and "Chennault." Documents in each are in chronological order, most recent first.
2. Loose documents within the folder- (includes a folder of about 5 documents inside the primary folder, most from Eugene Rostow) (#39-63). These date from 10/68 thru 5/73.

All the Post Presidential documents are in this section.

Contains WWR's summary memo (5/14/73) and two copies of the full chronology.

most of the news clippings are in this section

3. Documents fastened to the right side (#64-114). These documents date from August-December 1968, chronological order, most recent on top.

Much of the original paper looks like White House Situation Room continuous feed (teletype) paper (replaced with preservation copies).

In addition to the three parts of the folder there was a small envelope taped to the outside of the original package. The contents of that envelope are now document #0. The documents were numbered straight through as received, no rearranging was done.

LITERALLY EYES ONLY

June 26, 1973

TO: Mr. Harry Middleton, Director, LBJ Library

Sealed in the attached envelope is a file President Johnson asked me to hold personally because of its sensitive nature. In case of his death, the material was to be consigned to the LBJ Library under conditions I judged to be appropriate.

The file concerns the activities of Mrs. Chennault and others before and immediately after the election of 1968. At the time President Johnson decided to handle the matter strictly as a question of national security; and, in retrospect, he felt that decision was correct.

It is, therefore, my recommendation to you that this file should remain sealed for fifty years from the date of this memorandum.

After fifty years the Director of the LBJ Library (or whomever may inherit his responsibilities, should the administrative structure of the National Archives change) may, alone, open this file. If he believes the material it contains might be opened for research, he should then consult the then responsible security officials of the Executive Branch to arrange formal clearance. If he believes the material it contains should not be opened for research, I would wish him empowered to re-close the file for another fifty years when the procedure outlined above should be repeated.



W. W. Rostow

This is from the inner envelope of the folder "South Vietnam and U.S. Policies." While stored in Middleton's safe the folder was double wrapped, with a small envelope taped to the front containing the 6/26/73 letter from Rostow to Middleton.

The "X" envelope

EYES ONLY
Mr. Harry Middleton
Director
Lyndon B. Johnson Library

*Mem from Walt W. Rostow (rec'd by HM, 2-1-71; rechecked
Opened 7/24/94 by JRG per directions of HM & WWR)*

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~~Top Secret~~

To be opened by the Director,
Lyndon Baines Johnson
Library not earlier than
fifty (50) years from this
date June 26, 1973.

opened by 18 7/22/94
per directives; HM/WWR

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July 22, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

This package, labeled "The 'X' envelope," was opened by me on this date, on the instructions of Harry Middleton, director of the Lyndon B. Johnson Library.

Regina Greenwell

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GARDINER

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INFORMATION

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Wednesday, November 20, 1968
6:30 p.m.

Mr. President:

At last we have a fix on
Gardiner.

He's a nut!

Walt Rostow

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E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.4

NEJ-95-34

By *lip*, NARA, Date 7-26-95

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 20, 1968

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning John Pennington Gardiner, a former State Department employee.

According to FBI files, John Pennington Gardiner was born on August 31, 1905, at Cohasset, Massachusetts. In 1940 the FBI conducted a limited security-type inquiry concerning Gardiner based on an allegation that his Hungarian-born wife, Julianna Gestzy Gardiner, was a Nazi agent. No information was developed to substantiate that allegation, and Gardiner at that time was serving as a Lieutenant at the Office of Naval Intelligence, Boston, Massachusetts. Gardiner subsequently received an honorable discharge from the Navy and from 1944 to June, 1952, was employed by the Department of State. His position was terminated with the State Department by reason of retirement due to "selection out" for being in the low ten percent of that Department's ratings for three successive years.

According to the April 15, 1958, issue of the "Boston Globe," John P. Gardiner, a retired State Department Foreign Service employee, had appealed a ten-dollar fine imposed on him after his conviction on a charge of disturbing the peace when the Russian Ambassador to the United Nations spoke at a public meeting in Boston. He said he had good reason to prevent the bringing of the Soviet delegate to Boston and traced his family background dating back to the Revolution, showing where members fought continuously for freedom.

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During the late 1950's and 1960's Gardiner contacted the Boston Office of the FBI on a number of occasions about information in his possession which allegedly related to subversion in the United States. Gardiner furnished nonspecific information on those occasions during which he wandered far afield in explaining his alleged association with a number of prominent individuals in the Government. He also indicated on those occasions that he had several ideas on fighting communism in this country although he furnished no definitive solutions.

In July, 1962, Gardiner informed the Boston Office of his attempts to contact Attorney General Robert Kennedy at his Massachusetts residence, as well as President Kennedy at the White House concerning Gardiner's objections to the appointment of Foy Kohler as Ambassador to Russia.

In August, 1962, Attorney General Kennedy's Office advised of Gardiner's repeated attempts to contact the Attorney General, and it was the opinion of that office that he was a "nut." In connection with those inquiries, the Department of State advised that when Gardiner retired in 1952 he had the opportunity of either retiring or being fired because he was not qualified for advancement in the Foreign Service. The State Department further advised that in July, 1962, Gardiner contacted officials at that agency and requested the use of a private office and a secretary so that he could furnish plans for providing geologists and Japanese fishermen for the State of Maine for the purpose of helping Maine's fishing interests. He wanted to prepare this material for transmission to the Attorney General. At that time Mr. Gardiner was characterized by the State Department as being "not very well balanced mentally." On the occasion of his visit to the State Department Gardiner did allegedly make himself at home in an unoccupied office and was overheard telephoning the Attorney General's Office. Gardiner also claimed on the above occasion that he had a plan for restaffing the White House and requested an undercover assignment in Thailand.

In October, 1962, Gardiner contacted an FBI representative at Tokyo, Japan, at which time he described himself as being in the

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process of writing a special report for the President of the United States. He talked at considerable length in a rambling manner and criticized United States Embassy officials in Tokyo. This criticism was based on their reported inaction to his request for an investigation of two individuals he met in a bar who impressed him, for no specific reasons, as being Soviet agents. Gardiner did not know the names of those individuals and knew nothing further concerning them except the impressions he gained during his conversation in the bar.

United States Embassy officials at Tokyo characterized Gardiner as being obsessed with communism in Government, particularly in the State Department and they feel this obsession is partly based on his having been "selected out." It was the opinion of those individuals that he was mentally ill although he did make a good appearance and did talk articulately. However, it was felt he was living in a world of fantasy based on his alleged close association with President Kennedy whom he met in Japan in 1951, along with his brother, Robert, when both visited Japan at which time Gardiner was working at the Foreign Service Office.

The Boston Office of the FBI on November 18, 1968, determined that Gardiner is presently self-employed and writes a weekly column for the Manchester, New Hampshire, "Union Leader." He writes on subjects of American history and Far Eastern affairs. Gardiner had contacted that office in September, 1966, to advise that he had subscribed to "The Worker," east coast communist newspaper, in connection with his newspaper column for the "Union Leader."

Through confidential sources the FBI has recently learned of contacts by Gardiner with the First Secretary of the Vietnamese Embassy, Washington, D. C. Gardiner reportedly met with one such official on November 15, 1968, at a restaurant in Washington, D. C. Gardiner allegedly referred to his contacts with high-level State Department officials and intimated the subject matter of his discussions was

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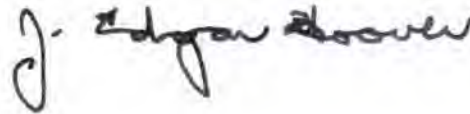
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important to both Vietnam and the United States. Information concerning this and other contacts by Gardiner, as well as background information concerning him, has been furnished to the White House Situation Room for the attention of Mr. Bromley Smith.

Civil fingerprints were located in the files of the FBI Identification Division which may be identical with those of Mr. Gardiner. These fingerprints were searched through the criminal files of the Identification Division and no arrest record was located.

A copy of this communication has not been sent to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized script.

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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EMBASSY OF VIETNAM - INTERNAL SECURITY - VIETNAM.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO OUR TELETYPE DATED NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT CONCERNING A CONTACT BETWEEN ONE JACK GARDINER AND A FATHER DIEGO.

THE SUBSCRIBER TO TWO ONE TWO - SEVEN NINE NINE - TWO SIX ZERO ZERO IS TWIN CIRCLE PUBLISHING COMPANY, EIGHTY SIX RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NEW YORK. FATHER DIEGO IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH REV. RAYMOND J. DE JAEGER, BELGIAN PRIEST ASSOCIATED WITH TWIN CIRCLE, ORDAINED IN CHINA IN NINETEEN THIRTY ONE. HE WAS IN A JAPANESE CONCENTRATION CAMP FOR TWO YEARS UNTIL NINETEEN FORTY FIVE. HE DID RELIEF WORK IN NORTH CHINA UNTIL NINETEEN FORTYNINE. HE WAS REGENT OF THE INSTITUTE OF FAR EASTERN STUDIES, SETON HALL UNIVERSITY UNTIL NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE. HE TRAVELLED IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE WITH NGO DINH-DIEM AND WENT TO VIETNAM IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR PUBLISHING PAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

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EMBASSY OF VIETNAM

REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE TELETYPE OF NOVEMBER FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, REPORTING A CONTACT BY A JACK GARDINER WITH THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE VIETNAM EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, D.C., ON THE SAME DATE.

IN CONNECTION WITH REFERENCED TELETYPE, THE FOLLOWING IS OF INTEREST:

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY REPORT OF THE CLASS OF NINETEEN TWENTY NINE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY PUBLISHED IN NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR REVEALS THAT JOHN PENNINGTON GARDINER, BORN AUGUST THIRTYONE, NINETEEN ZERO FIVE, AT COHASSET, MASSACHUSETTS, IS THE SON OF JOHN PENNINGTON AND ELINOR GREENE (WHITNEY) GARDINER. GARDINER MARRIED JULIANNA GESZTY, A HUNGARIAN NATIONAL IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT. THEY HAD THREE CHILDREN; NICHOLAS, BORN NINETEEN THIRTYNINE; CLAIRE, BORN NINETEEN FORTYONE; AND JOHN BORN IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR.
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AS OF NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE, JOHN PENNINGTON GARDINER RESIDED AT TWO ONE CUMBERLAND AVENUE, BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS. A REVIEW OF THE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LIST OF RESIDENTS FOR THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS, TWENTYONE YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, REVEALS THE FOLLOWING RESIDE AT ONE SEVEN CLARK ROAD, BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS: JOHN PENNINGTON GARDINER, AGED SIXTYTHREE, DESCRIBED AS AN EXECUTIVE; JOHN P. S. GARDINER, AGED TWENTYTHREE, DESCRIBED AS A STUDENT; AND JULIANNA GARDINER, AGED SIXTYTHREE, DESCRIBED AS A HOUSEWIFE.

ON NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT JOHN PENNINGTON GARDINER IS A RETIRED U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE EMPLOYEE PRESENTLY SELF-EMPLOYED AS A NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST FOR THE MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, "UNION LEADER," NEWSPAPER. GARDINER REPORTEDLY WRITES A WEEKLY COLUMN FOR THE PREVIOUSLY-MENTIONED NEWSPAPER ON MATTERS CONCERNING AMERICAN HISTORY AND FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.

THE OLDEST SON OF JOHN PENNINGTON GARDINER, AGED TWENTYNINE, WHO UTILIZES THE NAME OF EDWARD NICHOLAS GARDINER, HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A FORMER U. S. MARINE WHO HAS SERVED IN VIETNAM, IS PRESENTLY IN A RESERVE STATUS WITH THE U. S. MARINE CORPS, AND IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE W. R. GRACE COMPANY IN LIMA, PERU. GARDINER'S DAUGHTER, CLAIRE JULIETTE, AGED TWENTYSEVEN, IS EMPLOYED AS A SECRETARY AT THE WORLD BANK IN WASHINGTON, D. C. THE YOUNGEST
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SON, JOHN P. S. GARDINER, AGED TWENTYTHREE, IS EMPLOYED AS A SALESMAN BY ALCOA ALUMINUM COMPANY.

REPORTEDLY, JOHN PENNINGTON GARDINER WAS FORMERLY A FIRST SECRETARY OF THE U. S. EMBASSY IN SEOUL, KOREA, PRIOR TO KOREAN WAR AND SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED AS CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AT THE U. S. EMBASSY IN TOKYO; HOWEVER, HE RESIGNED DURING THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN FIFTYTWO TO RETURN TO BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS.

SOURCES CONTACTED ADVISED THAT JOHN PENNINGTON GARDINER IS UNKNOWN TO THEM AND HE IS NOT KNOWN TO BE POLITICALLY ACTIVE IN HIS HOME AREA.

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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Monday, November 18, 1968
9:40 p. m.

Mr. President:

In the light of this latest on Jack Gardiner, I think we may have to level with Murphy -- short of revealing our source -- and get to the bottom of what Jack Gardiner is up to.

Brom has already spoken to Deke DeLoach and reported to you what we now know.

Walt
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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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EMBASSY OF VIETNAM

ON NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, INSTANT, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING:

ON INSTANT DATE ONE JACK GARDINER CONTACTED FATHER DIEGO (PHONETIC), TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO ONE TWO DASH SEVEN NINE NINE DASH TWO SIX ZERO ZERO, IN NEW YORK, AND ADVISED HE WAS IN WASHINGTON SITTING BESIDE A FRIEND OF FATHER DIEGO'S. GARDINER ASKED IF DIEGO COULD SEE HIM TOMORROW AS HE, GARDINER, WAS GOING TO FLY TO NEW YORK TOMORROW SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND WOULD ARRIVE AT ELEVEN A. M. DIEGO STATED HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT TWELVE NOON AND AN APPOINTMENT WAS SET FOR THIS TIME, AT WHICH TIME DIEGO STATED HE WOULD WRITE GARDINER A FEW LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION.

GARDINER STATED EVERYTHING WAS GOING FINE IN WASHINGTON AND IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION REGARDING HIS TRAVELING TO VIETNAM SOON, REPLIED HE HAD ONE MORE THING TO TIE UP IN WASHINGTON
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BEFORE HE GOES AND WILL TELL DIEGO THE DETAILS WHEN HE SEES HIM.

THE UNKNOWN MALE (THE FRIEND OF FATHER DIEGO'S WITH WHOM GARDINER IS SITTING) ADVISED DIEGO THAT ACCORDING TO GARDINER IT LOOKS GOOD, IT LOOKS SURE, PROBABLY THE END OF THE WEEK.

INFORMATION WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CONCERNING CONTACT ON NOVEMBER FIFTEEN, LAST, BETWEEN TROUNG BUU DIEN FIRST SECRETARY, VIETNAMESE EMBASSY AND JOHN P. GARDINER, A MEMBER OF THE DECOR HOUSE AND A RETIRED FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

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Monday, November 18, 1968

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Activities of John P. Gardiner and
South Vietnamese Embassy Officials

Attached is an FBI report on John P. (Jack) Gardiner's activity today with a South Vietnamese Embassy official. An earlier report, which you have seen previously, is also attached.

We have the following information on Mr. Gardiner, most of it from Deke DeLoach:

1. Resigned from the Foreign Service in July, 1952. He may have been eased out of his State Department job.
2. Currently employed as a correspondent by the Manchester Union Leader published in Manchester, Vt.
3. The editor of the Manchester Union Leader is William Loeb. The paper is wildly conservative Republican.
4. Jimmy Hoffa put up \$3 million to make it possible for Mr. Loeb to buy the paper.
5. Mr. Gardiner's residence is Brookline, Mass., but recently he has been in Washington, based at the Diplomatic and Counsellor Officer's Club.

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AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE FIFTY-SIX P.M. NOVEMBER FIFTEEN, INSTANT YELLOW CAB NUMBER FIVE FOUR SIX, CURRENT WDC LICENSE HB FIVE FOUR SIX WAS OBSERVED TO DISCHARGE AN UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY SIXTY YEARS OF AGE, APPROXIMATELY FIVE TEN INCHES IN EIGHT, WEIGHING APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY POUNDS, WEARING A BLACK HAT, BLACK TROUSERS, DARK GREY SPORTS COAT, BLACK SHOES AND A TAN RAIN COAT. THIS INDIVIDUAL IMMEDIATELY ENTERED THE VIETNAMESE CHANCERY, TWENTY TWO FIFTY ONE, R STREET, N. W., WDC.

AT APPROXIMATELY ONE ZERO FOUR P.M. INSTANT DATE, THE UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE (NUMBER ONE) EXITED THE VIETNAMESE CHANCERY IN THE COMPANY OF AN UNIDENTIFIED VIETNAMESE AND PROCEEDED ON FOOT TO THE TOKYO RESTAURANT, SEVENTEEN THIRTY SIX CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N. W., WDC. FROM APPROXIMATELY ONE TEN PM TO APPROXIMATELY TWO O'CLOCK P.M., THESE INDIVIDUALS ATE LUNCH. DURING THE COURSE OF THE LUNCH UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL NUMBER ONE CARRIED ON MOST OF THE CONVERSATION, AND WAS HEARD TO EXPRESS ANGER AND STATE HE WAS AT A LOSS FOR WORDS. THE UNIDENTIFIED VIETNAMESE MAN INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER THE FINAL DECISION HAD TO COME FROM "HIM" (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED).
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THE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL NUMBER ONE SAID THAT EVERYTIME SOME-ONE "OPENED HIS MOUTH" HE IS "KNOCKED DOWN", AND THAT HE FELT THE TIME WAS EXTREMELY PROPITIOUS FOR THE MOVE HE SUGGESTED, AND IT SEEMED AS THOUGH HE REFERRED TO A MEETING WITH "SCRANTON."

THE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL NUMBER ONE STATED THAT HE HAD FANTASTIC CONTACTS WITH RETIRED STATE DEPARTMENT PEOPLE AT EXTREMELY HIGH LEVELS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE UNIDENTIFIED VIETNAMESE MIGHT WANT TO TALK OVER THE "SUGGESTION" WITH WHOMEVER HE WANTED AND THEN THEY COULD GET TOGETHER ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER NINETEEN, NEXT. THE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL NUMBER ONE INDICATED THAT HE WAS IN THE NEWSPAPER BUSINESS AND FREQUENTLY VISITED WDC FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS AT A TIME. HE STATED THAT ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN NEXT HE WOULD BE STAYING AT THE "DACOR HOUSE" (DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICES RETIRED) SEVENTEEN EIGHTEEN H STREET, N. W., WDC., AND THAT IF THE VIETNAMESE CHOSE THEY COULD MEET THERE.

UPON EXITING THE TOKYO RESTAURANT AT APPROXIMATELY TWO O'CLOCK P.M., BOTH INDIVIDUALS WERE OBSERVED TO PROCEED TO DUPONT CIRCLE, N. W., WHERE THEY SAT ON A PARK BENCH AND TALK FROM APPROXIMATELY TWO ZERO EIGHT P.M. TO APPROXIMATELY TWO THIRTY TWO P.M., WITH THE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL NUMBER ONE DOING MOST OF THE TALKING AND GESTURING WITH HIS HANDS. THEREAFTER, THEY SEPARATED AND THE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL NUMBER ONE PROCEEDED SOUTH ON CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N.W.,
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AND AT APPROXIMATELY TWO FIFTY EIGHT P.M. AND ENTERED THE DACOR HOUSE, SEVENTEEN EIGHTEEN H STREET, N. W., WDC.

ON INSTANT DATE, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT JOHN P. GARDINER WAS IN THE BUILDING, NOT CURRENTLY REGISTERED, AND THAT GARDINER IS A MEMBER OF THE DACOR, AND HAD MADE RESERVATIONS ON INSTANT DATE FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN AND NINETEEN NEXT. REPORTEDLY JOHN P. GARDINER IS A RETIRED FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND A NEWSPAPERMAN FROM BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, CURRENTLY STAYING WITH FRIENDS IN THE WASHINGTON, D. C. AREA.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE REGISTER OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE DATED NINETEEN FIFTY LISTED ONE JOHN PENNINGTON GARDINER, BORN AT COHASSET, MASSACHUSETTS ON AUGUST THREE NINETEEN ZERO FIVE. THE REGISTER INDICATED THAT AS OF SEPTEMBER NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT GARDINER WAS FIRST SECRETARY AND CONSUL AT SEOUL, KOREA, AND WAS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER CLASS THREE.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Saturday, November 16, 1968 -- 12:40 p.m.

Mr. President:

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~~This~~ is unclear whether someone else --
unauthorized -- is getting into the Vietnam act,
in this rather obscure report.

Nevertheless, because of certain references,
I thought you ought to be aware of it.

We shall try quietly to get a fix on Gardiner.

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI 1968 NOV 16 02 39

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UPON EXITING THE TOKYO RESTAURANT AT APPROXIMATELY TWO O'CLOCK P.M., BOTH INDIVIDUALS WERE OBSERVED TO PROCEED TO DUPONT CIRCLE, N. W., WHERE THEY SAT ON A PARK BENCH AND TALK FROM APPROXIMATELY TWO ZERO EIGHT P.M. TO APPROXIMATELY TWO THIRTY TWO P.M., WITH THE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL NUMBER ONE DOING MOST OF THE TALKING AND GESTURING WITH HIS HANDS. THEREAFTER, THEY SEPARATED AND THE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL NUMBER ONE PROCEEDED SOUTH ON CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N.W.,
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IT IS NOTED THAT THE REGISTER OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE DATED NINETEEN FIFTY LISTED ONE JOHN PENNINGTON GARDINER, BORN AT COHASSET, MASSACHUSETTS ON AUGUST THREE NINETEEN ZERO FIVE. THE REGISTER INDICATED THAT AS OF SEPTEMBER NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT GARDINER WAS FIRST SECRETARY AND CONSUL AT SEOUL, KOREA, AND WAS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER CLASS THREE.

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CHENNAULT

Next Perle Mesta?

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By Maxine Cheshire

Tuesday night, Perle Mesta is going to a party at the apartment of a woman who is being touted as the Nixon Administration's "Perle Mesta."

The party, itself, is certainly going to be in the best Mesta tradition.

Anna Chennault is inviting 100 of her better-known friends—mostly Republican—to a buffet supper in her \$168,000 penthouse at the Watergate East.

Afterward, Columbia Pictures wants everyone to join them for a viewing of "Oliver."

It probably wouldn't be surprising if, when the party moves onward to the MacArthur Theater, photographers are waiting to take their pictures.

This is the kind of event with which Mrs. Mesta herself has associated herself in the past.

The one notable difference is that Mrs. Chennault, who has one of the finest chefs in Washington, is supplying her own food.

One movie company, at least, thus appears to have looked over the field of possible Washington hostesses and picked its own winner.

If Mrs. Chennault does ultimately become known principally as a party-giver during the next four years, Nixon's foreign affairs advisers will probably breathe a sigh of relief.

The Chinese-born Mrs. Chennault, widow of the Flying Tigers General and a figure of glamor and mystery in the Nation's Capital for the last decade, has already caused Nixon aides to fear that she might become a political embarrassment.

The St. Louis Post Dispatch reported in a story last week that Mrs. Chennault, who held two top committee jobs in the Nixon campaign, made "secret" contacts with the South Vietnamese in the candidate's behalf just before the election.

She reportedly encouraged Saigon to "delay" in joining the Paris peace talks in hopes of getting a better deal if the Republicans won the White House.

Until that story appeared, there were indications that Mrs. Chennault was in line to get a presidential appointment.

That definitely is not a possibility now, she says. She is scheduled to leave right after the Inaugural,

which she is helping to stage, on a six-week swing through the Far East.

She will be traveling as the "Vice President of International Affairs" for the Flying Tigers Line.

This is a job she has held for little more than a year, although many people in Washington erroneously believe that she owns part of this freight-carrier to the Orient.

She is a salaried employee, although she really doesn't need the money.

The commercial Flying Tigers founded in this country by pilots who once flew for her late husband hired her to represent them in Asia.

Mrs. Chennault owns no part of Flying Tigers, nor does she own any stock in Nationalist China's CAT airlines, which General Chennault helped to organize.

The Chennaults sold their interest before his death. She has absolutely no financial interest in CAT, which is involved in several U.S. corporations that have been linked with the CIA.

Whether Mrs. Chennault, herself, is, or has been, linked with the CIA, is a question she answers with a stony-faced "No comment."

The suspicion that she might have even remote spy connections gives her an aura of intrigue. It amuses her to know that she is the subject of much fanciful speculation in Washington.

Her husband left her well-off, but not really rich. But she took the reported \$300,000 or so from his estate and invested it wisely.

That's how she could afford to move to a much more expensive address a couple of years ago and start giving parties so crowded with ranking Republicans that Look and other magazines started to zero in on her as another Mme. Mesta.

Mrs. Chennault, a very pretty and youthful 45-year-old who wears brightly-colored mod tights with her Chinese-style dresses, may not remain Mrs. Chennault forever.

Rumors have linked her romantically in recent weeks with Republican Gov. Warren Knowles of Wisconsin, who is going to escort her to the Inaugural festivities.

Her presence at his second gubernatorial Inaugural recently caused many newspapers in his state to speculate about their friendship.

"That's all it is—just friendship," she says.



By Margaret Thomas—The Washington Post

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Its action is credited by some political experts, including some of Nixon's staff, with cutting the loss of votes that his aides believe he suffered in the election from the last-minute peace move. In this view, the Vietnamese delay lent credence to Republican charges that Mr. Johnson's action was a political maneuver to help the Democratic candidate, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

Informed diplomats as well as administration sources and a number of Republicans, including some within Nixon's own organization, have said that Republican contact with South Vietnamese representatives was made by Mrs. Anna Chennault. The initial contact was reported to have been made a few days before Mr. Johnson's Oct. 31 announcement.

A high ranking official at the South Vietnamese Embassy here said it was "entirely untrue" that Mrs. Chennault had urged officials of his government to go slow in joining the Paris peace talks. He said:

"There has been a lot of speculation about our attitude in the talks. We base our decision on a lot of factors and not on internal politics here."

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Mr. President:

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EMBASSY OF VIETNAM; INTERNAL SECURITY - VIETNAM.

ON JANUARY THREE, INSTANT, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON THE SAME DATE, VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR BUI DIEM, WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC), WAS IN CONTACT WITH RICHARD DUDMAN OF THE WDC BUREAU OF THE ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH, THIS BUREAU HAVING PREVIOUSLY ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT AMBASSADOR DIEM ON INSTANT DATE. DUDMAN MADE REFERENCE TO AN ARTICLE WHICH HAS BEEN WRITTEN FOR THE ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH, ABOUT ANNA CHENNAULT, CONCERNING REPORTS THAT CHENNAULT HAD FREQUENTLY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS IN WDC, ENCOURAGING VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS TO GO SLOW WITH RESPECT TO EXPANDED PEACE TALKS IN PARIS. AMBASSADOR DIEM DENIED THESE REPORTS, STATING THAT VIETNAMESE DECISIONS ARE BASED
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ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, AMBASSADOR DIEM, IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECT QUESTION BY DUDMAN, DENIED THAT HE (DIEM) HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH, OR HAD ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT, PRESIDENT-ELECT NIXON DURING THE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION ON NOVEMBER FIVE, LAST. DUDMAN THEN QUESTIONED THE RELATIONSHIP OF MRS. CHENNAULT TO THE
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ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, LATER ON THE SAME DAY ANOTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT AMBASSADOR DIEM, BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

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Mr. President:

Herewith the exact text of a telephone conversation this morning with Tom Ottenad of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. As you will see, the Lady is about to surface.

W. A. Rostow

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Phone conversation, Tom Ottenad of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and W. W. Rostow

Ottenad: I have been working on a story that I wondered if I might talk to you about. It's on background basis, or however you want to talk about it. It has to do with the last period of the Presidential campaign about the time of the President's announcement of the bombing halt and steps to broaden the Paris talks. I've been told that during that period some Republican contacts were made with South Vietnamese officials urging them to go slow in the hope that, from their standpoint, they might get a better shake under Nixon than they would otherwise, and that these contacts--contacts of this type--were made by Mrs. Chennault. We have established this from a number of sources, and it's not really about that as such that I was inquiring, but rather about another aspect of it. I was told also that this activity had come to the attention of the Administration, and I wondered -- I wanted to ask you -- if that is in fact correct.

WWR: I have not one word to say about that matter.

Ottenad: Not even on background or completely non-attributable basis?

WWR: On no basis whatsoever.

Ottenad: There is no point about my asking other questions related to it.

WWR: That is correct.

Ottenad: That would be just a waste of your time.

WWR: I'm afraid that's right.

Ottenad: May I ask about a different but somewhat related matter -- because I don't know whether you will say the same thing to that or not; if it is, of course, I'll drop the business right there. The other matter I've been told of is about this same time. Contacts were made indirectly by South Vietnamese officials with the Nixon camp asking -- unsuccessfully, as it turned out -- asking for an opportunity to meet with Nixon or one of his aides and hinting that South Vietnamese would not take action on the question of going to Paris until after the election. My question: Did that ever come to your attention.

WWR: I have nothing whatsoever to say about it.

Ottenad: All right. Fine -- really not fine, from my standpoint, but I'm afraid your tone is so firm there's no point in going further with you about it.

WWR: That's quite correct.

Ottenad: If you find at any time that is no longer the case, I would appreciate an opportunity to talk with you about it.

WWR: Right. Thank you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Tuesday, 6:30 P.M.
December 17, 1968
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Mr. President:

The Lady continues her activities:

1. Arranged an appointment for Ambassador Bui Diem with Senator Mundt,
2. Accepted a message and a gift to be conveyed to the President-elect.

Bromley Smith
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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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EMBASSY OF VIETNAM, INTERNAL SECURITY - VIETNAM.

ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN INSTANT, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON INSTANT DATE, ANNA CHENNAULT CONTACTED MRS. TRONG, SECRETARY TO VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR BUI DIEM, WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC), AND ADVISED THAT SHE, CHENNAULT, HAD MADE AN APPOINTMENT FOR AMBASSADOR BUI DIEM TO SEE SENATOR KARL E. MUNDT OF SOUTH DAKOTA, DURING THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER EIGHTEEN NEXT. CHENNAULT COMMENTED THAT SENATOR MUNDT IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF PRESIDENT ELECT RICHARD M. NIXON AND THAT SENATOR MUNDT WILL MAKE ALL ARRANGMENTS FOR THE AMBASSADOR TO SEE THE OTHER PEOPLE, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED.

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EMBASSY OF VIETNAM

ON DECEMBER THIRTEEN, INSTANT, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON INSTANT DATE COLONEL NGUYEN-LINH CHIEU, ARMED FORCES ATTACHE, VIETNAMESE EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC) CONTACTED MRS. LEE, SECRETARY TO MRS. ANNA CHENNAULT. COLONEL CHIEU POINTED OUT THAT HE AND ONE DOCTOR FURK (PHONETIC) HAD VISITED ANNA CHENNAULT WITHIN THE PAST FEW DAYS, AND THAT DR. FURK (PHONETIC) WOULD BE LEAVING FOR VIETNAM ON DECEMBER FOURTEEN NEXT. COLONEL CHIEU STATED THAT DR. FURK HAS A MESSAGE AND A GIFT HE WANTS ANNA CHENNAULT TO CONVEY TO PRESIDENT-ELECT RICHARD M. NIXON. IT WAS ARRANGED THAT DR. FURK WOULD SEE MRS. CHENNAULT DURING THE AFTERNOON OF INSTANT DATE AT HER OFFICE.

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WASHINGTONLITERALLY EYES ONLYTuesday, Dec. 10, 1968
10:00 a.m.SECRET*Rec'd
10:45a*

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Lady is still operational.

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EMBASSY OF VIETNAM

ON DECEMBER NINE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, REPORTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON THE SAME DATE MRS. ANNA CHENNAULT WAS IN TOUCH WITH NGUYEN HOAN, COUNSELOR AT THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC). SHE ADVISED HIM THAT HER VERY GOOD FRIEND HAD BEEN APPOINTED YESTERDAY AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. SHE WENT ON TO SAY THAT "WE" SHOULD BE VERY HAPPY ABOUT THIS. ACCORDING TO THE WDC PRESS OF DECEMBER NINE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, REPRESENTATIVE MELVIN R. LAIRD OF WISCONSIN HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO BECOME SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IN THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, MRS. CHENNAULT THEN TOLD HOAN NOT TO BE TOO CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRESS'S REFERENCES ABOUT A COALITION GOVERNMENT.

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CHENNAULT INDICATED THAT LAIRD IS A VERY STRONG MAN. SHE ADDED THAT SHE WILL BE GOING TO NEW YORK CITY TO SEE BOB MURPHY, WHOSE EXACT IDENTITY IS NOT KNOWN TO THE SOURCE, AND WON'T RETURN TO WASHINGTON UNTIL LATER THIS WEEK. SHE WAS INFORMED THAT VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR BUI DIEM IS EXPECTED TO RETURN ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THIS WEEK. MRS. CHENNAULT SUGGESTED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE AMBASSADOR UPON HIS RETURN.
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FROM BROMLEY SMITH
TO THE PRESIDENT
INFO WALT ROSTOW
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HERE IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE CONTINUING ACTIVITY OF THE
LADY WITH SOUTH VIETNAMESE EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

EMBASSY OF VIETNAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - VIETNAM

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TRONG TO TELL THE AMBASSADOR UPON HIS RETURN BECAUSE
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ON THE SAME DATE, CHENNAULT ALSO CONTACTED NGUYEN HOAN,
COUNSELOR, EMBASSY OF VIETNAM, WDC, ADVISING THAT SHE HAD
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AT HER RESIDENCEY, APARTMENT ON FOUR ZERO FOUR NORTH,
WATERGATE APARTMENTS, WDC, AT SIX P. M., THIS DATE.

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Here is further evidence of the continuing activity of the Lady with South Vietnamese embassy officials.

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ATTENTION: MR. BROMLEY SMITH

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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EMBASSY OF VIETNAM; INTERNAL SECURITY - VIETNAM

ON NOVEMBER TWENTY-SIX INSTANT, A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, REPORTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON THE SAME DATE, MRS. TRONG, SECRETARY TO AMBASSADOR BUI DIEM, EMBASSY OF VIETNAM, WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC), HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MISS LEE, SECRETARY TO MRS. ANNA CHENNAULT. LEE STATED MRS. CHENNAULT WANTED TO KNOW WHEN AMBASSADOR DIEM WOULD RETURN TO WDC. TRONG INFORMED THAT DIEM HAD SENT A TELEGRAM SAYING HE WOULD RETURN THIS WEEK, BUT DID NOT SPECIFY A TIME OR DATE. TRONG ADDED THAT SHE WAS NOT AT ALL SURE DIEM WOULD RETURN THIS WEEK, SINCE SHE THOUGHT HE MIGHT HAVE TO STOP IN PARIS ON HIS RETURN. LEE REQUESTED TRONG TO NOTIFY MRS. CHENNAULT AS SOON AS TRONG ASCERTAINED WHEN DIEM WAS RETURNING BECAUSE MRS. CHENNAULT WAS VERY ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH HIM. TRONG AGREED TO NOTIFY HER.

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Tuesday, November 12, 1968

Mr. President:

(via Jim Jones)

These new times on the gentleman in Albuquerque on November 2 suggest he had ample time to make the telephone calls to the Lady and Secretary Rusk while in Albuquerque, before departing for Texas.

FBI reports:

1:15 P. M. EST -- arrived Albuquerque Airport

1:45 P. M. EST -- departed airport for Highland High School

3:15 P. M. EST -- departed Highland High School for the airport

3:30 P. M. EST -- arrived at airport

4:00 P. M. -- aircraft departed for Texas

The phone call to the Lady was at 1:41 p. m. EST and to Secretary Rusk at 1:55 p. m. EST.

W. W. Rostow

WWR:rla:amc

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Friday, Nov. 8, 1968

7:35 am

Mr. President: 25

First reactions may well be wrong.

But with this information I think it's time
to blow the whistle on these folks.

W. A. Rostow

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245 AM 11-08-68 RDR

PRIORITY

TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: MR. BROMLEY SMITH 02

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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CHENNAULT STATED THE PERSON SHE HAD MENTIONED TO DIEM WHO MIGHT BE THINKING ABOUT "THE TRIP" WENT ON VACATION THIS AFTERNOON AND WILL BE RETURNING MONDAY MORNING AT WHICH TIME SHE WILL BE IN TOUCH AGAIN AND WILL HAVE MORE NEWS FOR DIEM.

CHENNAULT CONTINUED THAT "THEY" ARE STILL PLANNING THINGS BUT ARE NOT LETTING PEOPLE KNOW TOO MUCH BECAUSE THEY WANT TO BE CAREFUL TO AVOID EMBARRASSING "YOU", THEMSELVES, OR THE PRESENT
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CHENNAULT ADDED THAT SENATOR JOHN GOODWIN TOWER HAD TALKED TO HER TODAY. TOWER IS PLANNING TO RETURN SUNDAY AND CHENNAULT AND TOWER PLAN TO MEET DIEM "EITHER MONDAY."
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12:55 PM 11-7-68 NSM

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TO: THE WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM 004

ATT.: MR. BROMLEY SMITH.

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

~~SECRET~~ - NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION) EMBASSY OF
VIETNAM; INTERNAL SECURITY - VIETNAM.

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ON NOVEMBER SEVEN, INSTANT, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE,
WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST,
FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON INSTANT DATE, MRS. TRONG, EMBASSY OF VIETNAM.
WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC), CONTACTED MRS. ANNA CHENNAULT, WHO
HAD RETURNED TO WDC, AND STATED THAT VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR
BUI DIEM DESIRED TO KNOW WHAT TIME MRS. CHENNAULT WOULD BE
COMING TO SEE HIM. MRS. CHENNAULT ADVISED THAT SHE HAD TO
MAKE A FEW IMPORTANT TELEPHONE CALLS BEFORE SHE COULD COME,
AND WOULD ARRIVE AT THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY AROUND TWELVE
O'CLOCK NOON OR TWELVE THIRTY P.M. THIS DATE. MRS. CHENNAULT
ADVISED FURTHER THAT SHE HAD TALKED TO "HIM" VERY LATE WHEN
SHE CAME BACK. MRS. CHENNAULT REQUESTED THAT AMBASSADOR

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DIEM BE ADVISED THAT SHE, MRS. CHENNAULT, HAD BEEN
TALKING TO "FLORIDA" AND HAS TO MAKE A FEW OTHER CALLS BEFORE
SHE CAN MOVE.

THE SOURCE ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENTLY ON INSTANT DATE, A
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY MADE RESERVATIONS FOR
ONE THIRTY P.M. INSTANT DATE, AT THE LE PROVENCAL RESTAURANT,
TWELVE THIRTY FOUR, TWENTIETH STREET, N. W., WDC, FOR
AMBASSADOR DIEM AND ONE OTHER PERSON (POSSIBLY ANNA
CHENNAULT).

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TO WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: MR. BROMLEY SMITH 13
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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EMBASSY OF VIETNAM

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ON INSTANT DATE MRS. ANNA CHENNAULT CONTACTED VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR BUI DIEM AND ADVISED THAT SHE HAD MADE "CONTACT ALREADY" AND WOULD CONTACT THE AMBASSADOR LATER.
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By cb/JD4 *ARA Date 12-19-00

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11:26 AM EST Wednesday 06 NOV 1968

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11:05 AM CST Wednesday 06 NOV 1968

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FROM WALT ROSTOW
TO THE PRESIDENT
CITE CAP82723

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NOVEMBER 6, 1968

HEREWITH TWO FURTHER REPORTS.

1. ON NOVEMBER FIVE, INSTANT, MRS. ANNA CHENNAULT VISITED HER VOTING PRECINCT, THE INVESTMENT BUILDING AT FIFTEENTH AND K STREETS, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C., AND THEREAFTER JOURNEYED TO NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

AS OF SEVEN FORTY-FIVE P.M. INSTANT, CHENNAULT WAS NOT REGISTERED AT WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. INQUIRY UNDER SUITABLE PRETEXT DETERMINED THAT CHENNAULT WAS IN HOTEL IN SUITE IN AREA OF NIXON PARTY AWAITING TO DESCEND BALLROOM.

2. ON NOVEMBER FIVE, LAST, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR BUI DIEM, WASHINGTON, D. C. CONSULTED MRS. BARBARA PHILLIPS AND MR. RUFUS PHILLIPS (BOTH PHONETIC), NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED WITH REFERENCE TO PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN THE U. S. DIEM STATED HE WAS KEEPING HIS FINGERS CROSSED DUE TO HIS EMOTIONAL INVOLVEMENT. DIEM ADDED THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO GO THROUGH THIS TEST (THE ELECTIONS) BECAUSE EVERYONE KNOWS THAT IT (THE QUESTION OF VIETNAM) SHOULD GO THROUGH THIS TEST. PHILLIPS AGREED STATING IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO HAVE THE TEST PLACED IN THE CORRECT PSYCHOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK. DIEM STATED THAT IT SEEMS THAT VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY KNOWS THAT THE INCLINATIONS FROM SAIGON, AT LEAST FROM THE POLITICIANS OUTSIDE, IS FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE NIXON AND NOT FOR HUMPHREY; AND SHOULD HE (HUMPHREY) WIN IT WOULD BE RATHER DIFFICULT FOR THE VIETNAMESE OVER THERE. PHILLIPS OPENED THAT "SOMEBODY" JUST WROTE HUMPHREY'S SPEECH AND HUMPHREY READ IT WITHOUT THINKING. DIEM STATED THAT IN SPITE OF HIS RESPECT FOR HUMPHREY THAT HE (DIEM) HAD TO SIDE WITH THOSE PEOPLE WHO GAVE THE VIETNAMESE THE MAXIMUM OF CONDITIONS.

RUFUS PHILLIPS IS POSSIBLE IDENTICAL WITH RUFUS COLFAX PHILLIPS III, PRESIDENT OF AIRWAYS ENGINEERING CORPORATION, ONE TWO FIVE ZERO CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N. W., BORN AUGUST TEN, NINETEEN TWENTY NINE AT MIDDLETOWN, OHIO, MARRIED TO BARBARA ELEANORA PHILLIPS, BORN JUNE SIXTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTY-FOUR AT SANTIAGO, CHILE, BOTH RESIDING AT SIX FIVE TWO ZERO RIDGE STREET, MC LEAN, VIRGINIA. PHILLIPS REPORTEDLY TRAVELED ABROAD IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX AND NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AS CONSULTANT ON VIETNAM MATTERS.

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FROM WALT ROSTOW

~~FOR THE PRESIDENT - LITERALLY EYES ONLY~~

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TO: ~~WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: MR. BROMLEY SMITH 012~~
FROM: ~~DIRECTOR, FBI~~

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~~EMBASSY OF VIETNAM~~

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TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT: MR. BROWLEY SMITH 21
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI~~SECRET - NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION~~~~EMBASSY OF VIETNAM~~

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FROM WALT ROSTOW

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By 6/20/00 WARA Date 2-8-16

NOVEMBER 4, 1968

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A MEETING OF OVER AN HOUR WITH
SEC. RUSK AND SEC. CLIFFORD ON THE CHINA MATTER.

1. WITH RESPECT TO THE PASSAGE OF THE TRANSCRIPT WHICH I HAD THEM
READ, THEY AGREED THAT NIXON APPEARED CLEAR IN MIND THAT THE TALKS
MIGHT NOT BEGIN AND YOU HAD MADE CLEAR THAT THEY MIGHT NOT BEGIN. WE
NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING STATEMENT COULD HAVE
INDUCED SOME FURTHER AMBIGUITY WHICH NIXON DID NOT FOLLOW UP AT THE
TIME: QUOTE DICK, THE TALKS WILL BE HELD. WE HAVE A FIRM AGREEMENT
THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WILL BRING THE NLF IN AND THE SOUTH
VIETNAMESE WILL BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND. END QUOTE

2. WITH RESPECT TO MCCLOSKEY, PURSUANT TO YOUR INSTRUCTIONS
SEC. RUSK AND SEC. CLIFFORD AGREED TO INSTRUCT HIM TO SAY TO SAVILLE
DAVIS: QUOTE OBVIOUSLY I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO THIS KIND OF
THING IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM. END QUOTE. HE WAS SO INSTRUCTED
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE TWO SECRETARIES AND MYSELF. HAVING RETURNED
TO MY OFFICE, I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A REPORT FROM MCCLOSKEY ON HIS
INTERVIEW WITH SAVILLE DAVIS. SAVILLE DAVIS BEGAN BY SAYING: QUOTE
I ASSUME YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMMENT ON THIS. END QUOTE. HE
THEN SHOWED MCCLOSKEY THE STORY WHICH WAS ALONG THE LINES FAMILIAR
TO YOU. THE STORY WAS HEADED BY BEVERLY DEEPE: QUOTE THIS MUST
BE CHECKED WITH THE NIXON PEOPLE BEFORE PUBLICATION. END QUOTE

SAVILLE DAVIS VOLUNTEERED THAT HIS NEWSPAPER WOULD CERTAINLY
NOT PRINT THE STORY IN THE FORM IN WHICH IT WAS FILED; BUT THEY
MIGHT PRINT A STORY WHICH SAID THIEU, ON HIS OWN, DECIDED TO
HOLD OUT UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION.

INCIDENTALLY, THE STORY AS FILED IS STATED TO BE BASED ON
VIETNAMESE SOURCES, AND NOT U.S., IN SAIGON.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE BODY OF INFORMATION THAT WE NOW HAVE
AVAILABLE, ALL THREE OF US AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITIONS:

-- THE INFORMATION SOURCES MUST BE PROTECTED AND NOT
INTRODUCED INTO DOMESTIC POLITICS.

-- EVEN WITH THESE SOURCES, THE CASE IS NOT OPEN AND SHUT.
ON THE QUESTION OF THE "PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW," SEC. RUSK WAS
VERY STRONG ON THE FOLLOWING POSITION: WE GET INFORMATION LIKE
THIS EVERY DAY, SOME OF IT VERY DAMAGING TO AMERICAN POLITICAL
FIGURES. WE HAVE ALWAYS TAKEN THE VIEW THAT WITH RESPECT TO
SUCH SOURCES THERE IS NO PUBLIC "RIGHT TO KNOW." SUCH INFORMATION
IS COLLECTED SIMPLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF NATIONAL SECURITY.

-- SO FAR AS THE INFORMATION BASED ON SUCH SOURCES IS CONCERNED,
ALL THREE OF US AGREED: (A) EVEN IF THE STORY BREAKS, IT WAS JUDGED
TOO LATE TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ELECTION. (B) THE
VIABILITY OF THE MAN ELECTED AS PRESIDENT WAS INVOLVED AS WELL
AS SUBSEQUENT RELATIONS BETWEEN HIM AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON. (C)
THEREFORE, THE COMMON RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT WE SHOULD NOT
ENCOURAGE SUCH STORIES AND HOLD TIGHT THE DATA WE HAVE.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IS A FURTHER ITEM WHICH JUST CAME IN.
(I ASSUME THAT BUI DIEM BROUGHT HER IN TO TELL HER ABOUT
SAVILLE DAVIS' VISIT.)

QUOTE

ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT,
MRS. ANNA CHENNAULT TRAVELED IN HER LINCOLN CONTINENTAL FROM
HER RESIDENCE TO THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY WHERE SHE REMAINED
FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTY MINUTES AND THEREAFTER WENT TO ROOM
TWO ZERO FIVE, SEVENTEEN ZERO ONE, PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE,
ARRIVING SHORTLY AFTER ELEVEN AM.

ROOM TWO ZERO FIVE, SEVENTEEN ZERO ONE PENNSYLVANIA
AVENUE IS UNMARKED, HOWEVER, PRETEST INQUIRY OF A NEARBY
OFFICE ELICITED RESPONSE THAT ROOM TWO ZERO FIVE IS A NIXON
OFFICE.

A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN
THE PAST ADVISED THAT AT ELEVEN THIRTYFIVE AM, A REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY TALKED WITH MRS. CHENNAULT AND SAID
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ONE SIX.

SHORTLY AFTER NOON, MRS. CHENNAULT DEPARTED SEVENTEEN
ZERO ONE PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AND PROCEEDED VIA CAB TO THE
VIETNAMESE EMBASSY WHERE SHE REMAINED FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN
MINUTES. UPON LEAVING THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY, SHE WALKED
TO THE CHINESE EMBASSY, TWENTYTHREE ELEVEN MASSACHUSETTS
AVENUE, ARRIVING TWELVE TWENTY PM.

A SECOND SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION
IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT AT TWELVE TWENTYONE PM A REPRESENTATIVE
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MINUTES.

A CAB PICKED UP MRS. CHENNAULT SHORTLY AFTER TWELVE
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LINE FROM A PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE (SWITCHBOARD) AT
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AN UNLISTED NUMBER.

TEN FORTYTWO INVESTMENT BUILDING IS THE OFFICE OF
THE CLAIRE L. CHENNAULT FOUNDATION.
END QUOTE

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TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: MR. BROMLEY SMITH 05
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI~~SECRET - NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION~~~~EMBASSY OF VIETNAM, INTERNAL SECURITY - VIETNAM~~

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ATTENTION: MR. BROMLEY SMITH
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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By ch/JDW *ARA Date 12-19-00

(SECRET - NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION) EMBASSY OF VIETNAM,
INTERNAL SECURITY - VIETNAM.

ON MORNING OF NOVEMBER FOUR INSTANT, MRS. ANNA CHAN
CHENNAULT VISITED THE EMBASSY OF VIETNAM FOR THIRTY MINUTES.
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For the President
From Walt Rostow
The new Mexico
reference may indicate
Agnew is acting. Two reports follow.

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TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT: MR. BROOKLEY SMITH 883
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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EMBASSY OF VIETNAM

Report ONE

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FROM WALT ROSTOW
TO THE PRESIDENT
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THE NEW MEXICO REFERENCE MAY INDICATE AGNEW IS ACTING.
TWO REPORTS FOLLOW.

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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE FBI FOR THEM TO OBSERVE THE CAR EN ROUTE AND TO UNDERTAKE DISCREET SURVEILLANCE WITH REFERENCE TO HER ACTIVITIES WHILE IN NEW YORK.

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TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: MR. BROMLEY SMITH 001

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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EMBASSY OF VIETNAM

NO INDICATION MRS ANNA CHENNAULT PROCEEDED TO NEW YORK EVENING OF NOVEMBER TWO, SIXTYEIGHT BUT RETURNED TO RESIDENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WHERE SHE REMAINED UNTIL EVENING OF NOVEMBER THREE, SIXTYEIGHT.

ON NOVEMBER THREE, SIXTYEIGHT, MRS ANNA CHENNAULT DEPARTED TWO FIVE ONE ZERO, VIRGINIA AVENUE, N.W., IN HER CAR, WHICH SHE WAS DRIVING, AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT ZERO FIVE P.M. SHE DROVE DIRECTLY TO THE APEX THEATRE, FOUR EIGHT ONE THREE, MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., WHERE THE MOTION PICTURE, "FINIAN'S RAINBOW" IS SHOWING, ARRIVING AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FOURTEEN P.M. SHE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE, APPROXIMATELY FIFTY FIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TALL, GREY HAIR, STOCKILY BUILT, WITH BROAD SHOULDERS. SHE DEPARTED THE APEX THEATRE AT NINE FIFTY FOUR P.M. AND RETURNED TO HER RESIDENCE, ARRIVING THERE AT TEN ZERO EIGHT P.M.

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A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FUNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THERE HAD BEEN NO ACTIVITY AT THE EMBASSY OF VIETNAM, WASHINGTON, D.C., AS OF TEN FIFTEEN P.M. NOVEMBER THREE, SIXTYEIGHT.

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TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: MR. BROMLEY SMITH 005
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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PRIORITY

TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM 007

ATTENTION: MR. FROMLEY SMITH

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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EMBASSY OF VIETNAM; INTERNAL SECURITY - VIETNAM.

SHORTLY AFTER SIX THIRTY P.M., OCTOBER THIRTYONE, LAST, MRS. ANNA CHENNAULT AND AN INDIVIDUAL ANSWERING DESCRIPTION OF THOMAS G. CORCORAN, LAWYER, WITH OFFICES AT ONE FIVE ONE ONE K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC), LEFT THE WATERGATE EAST APARTMENTS AND PROCEEDED TO THE SHERATON PARK HOTEL WHERE THEY ATTENDED A RECEPTION ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR, GIVEN BY PERLE MESTA. MRS. CHENNAULT AND HER MALE COMPANION THEREAFTER ATTENDED A SHOWING OF "FUNNY GIRL" AT THE ONTARIO THEATER. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MOVIE, MRS. CHENNAULT AND COMPANION MADE A BRIEF VISIT TO THE CORCORAN HOME AT TWO EIGHT ONE TWO WOODLAND DRIVE, N. W., WDC, AND THEN ATTENDED A PARTY IN ROOM D THREE ZERO EIGHT, SHOREHAM HOTEL, WHICH IS REGISTERED TO RAYMOND BELL, COLUMBIA PICTURES, NEW YORK CITY. SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT, MRS. CHENNAULT'S MALE COMPANION
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WAS DROPPED OFF AT TWO EIGHT ONE TWO WOODLAND DRIVE, N. W.,
AND SHE RETURNED TO THE WATERGATE EAST APARTMENTS.
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Friday, November 1, 1968
8:05 a.m.

Mr. President:

Herewith the Lady tries again but gets something of a brush off, yesterday afternoon.

Also attached is a significant intelligence report from today's Washington Post's society section. Key passages are marked.

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TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, #11

ATT.: MR. BROMLEY SMITH

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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Rostow

EMBASSY OF VIETNAM, INTERNAL SECURITY - VIETNAM.

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, MRS. ANNA CHENNAULT VISITED THE INVESTMENT BUILDING, FIFTEENTH AND K STREETS, NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D.C., ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. A SURVEY OF THIS LOCATION INDICATED THAT SUITE TEN FORTYTWO IS A TWO ROOM OFFICE OF THE CLAIRE L. CHENNAULT FOUNDATION.

A NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT MAROON LINCOLN CONTINENTAL CAR, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LICENSE FIVE ZERO SEVEN DASH THREE ZERO ZERO IS REGISTERED TO ANNA CHAN CHENNAULT. SPACE TWENTY SIX ON THE B THREE SIDE OF THE GARAGE OF THE WATERGATE EAST APARTMENTS IS RESERVED FOR THIS VEHICLE. THIS VEHICLE WAS NOT USED BETWEEN EIGHT AM AND FOUR PM ON OCTOBER THIRTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.
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A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT ON THE LATE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER THIRTYONE, MRS. ANNA CHENNAULT ATTEMPTED TO REACH AMBASSADOR BUI DIEM AND WAS INFORMED HE WAS BUSY. MRS. CHENNAULT INQUIRED OF THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY EMPLOYEE IF THE AMBASSADOR INTENDED TO LEAVE TOWN AND SPECIFICALLY IF HE INTENDED TO GO TO VIETNAM. THE EMBASSY EMPLOYEE EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE QUESTION CONCERNING VIETNAM AND RESPONDED IN THE NEGATIVE TO BOTH QUESTIONS. MRS. CHENNAULT LEFT A MESSAGE FOR THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE SHOULD MAKE CERTAIN HE NOTIFIED ~~XXXX~~ HER IN THE EVENT HE LEAVES TOWN.

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By Jim McNamara—The Washington Post

"I don't waste time on . . . small sums."

A Wealth of Talent

GOP's Anna Chennault

By Marie Smith

Washington Post Staff Writer

Anna Chennault, top woman fund-raiser in Richard M. Nixon's campaign for the presidency, won't ask for contributions of \$5 or \$10. The bottom for her is \$500.

"If you ask for \$5 or \$10 and they turn you down, you're embarrassed. If you ask for \$1000 and they turn you down, they're embarrassed," she said in an interview.

"I don't accept less than \$500."

Even larger sums may draw a hesitant response if offered on conditions at the wrong time. A telephone caller with an offer was told "\$15,000 two weeks ago might have been worth the trip, but this late, I'm afraid . . ." she said, her voice trailing off into a laugh.

The 42-year-old, Peking-born widow of General Claire Chennault of Flying Tiger fame is the most titled woman in the Nixon campaign and one most likely to be offered a post in his administration if he wins.

"We haven't even discussed that," she said. "The only thing we're interested in now is getting Mr. Nixon in the White House."

Mrs. Chennault is co-chairman of the Women for Nixon-Agnew National Advisory Committee, chairman of the Republican Women's National Finance Committee and vice chairman of the Republican National Finance Committee.

She is one of a select group invited to watch the election returns Tuesday night in the Louis XVI suite at the Waldorf Astoria with top members of the Nixon team.

"I've always been successful in fund-raising, but I don't want to give my recipe to the Democrats," she said, discussing her fund-raising techniques.

But she added, "I don't waste time on collecting small sums. And the people I ask, I am sure they're going to give. You ask people separately rather than in a group."

"I myself give a substantial amount and I ask others to match it," she said in crisp, accented English.

Vice president of the Flying Tigers Airline founded by pilots who flew the China-Burma route with her husband in World War II, Mrs. Chennault has an office in Nixon campaign headquarters on Pennsylvania ave. but she rarely uses it.

She prefers to work in her own suite in the Investment Building. It is not the Flying Tigers' office either. On the door is lettered: General Claire L. Chennault Foundation.

Inside, she works surrounded by gold-framed photographs of herself with famous people.

"I travel mostly in a man's world", she said, "but no matter what you do, you can be business-like and not forget you're a woman. The men will treat you with dignity and kindness."

She designs her dresses in Chinese style with high necklines, form-fitting to accentuate her tiny waist, and with the hemlines two inches above the knee.

A chiffon scarf, worn across the front of her neck and wafting a colorful trail behind her as she walks is her fashion signature.

A militant foe of communism, she lectures throughout the country on Asia, Vietnam and "The Asiatic Mind and the World Crisis." She goes to Asia four or five times a year to lecture in colleges and universities there and talk with government leaders.

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MR. PRESIDENT:

The latest on the lady.

Walt
W. W. Rostow

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By JOH, NARA, Date 7/29/84

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ATTENTION: MR. BROMLEY SMITH
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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(~~SECRET~~ - NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION) EMBASSY OF VIETNAM.
INTERNAL SECURITY - VIETNAM.

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ON AFTERNOON OCTOBER THIRTY, SIXTY-EIGHT, MRS. ANNA CHAN CHENNAULT VISITED EMBASSY OF VIETNAM FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTY MINUTES THEREAFTER PROCEEDING TO INVESTMENT BUILDING FIFTEENTH AND K STREETS, NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D.C. ON EARLY EVENING OCTOBER THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, SHE ATTENDED PARTY AT RESIDENCE OF MRS. MARYLAND MC CORMICK, WIFE OF ROBERT R. MC CORMICK, TWO FIVE ZERO ONE MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE., NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D.C. NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR-FIFTYFIVE "WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN" IDENTIFIED ROBERT RUTHERFORD MC CORMICK AS ATTORNEY, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER CHICAGO TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER. MC CORMICK LISTED AS MARRIED DECEMBER TWENTY ONE, FORTY-FOUR TO MRS. MARYLAND MATHISON HOOPER. EVENING STAR NEWSPAPER, WASHINGTON, D.C., OF MAY FOURTEEN, SIXTY-THREE CARRIED PHOTOGRAPH OF MRS. CHENNAULT WITH MRS. MC CORMICK. MRS. CHENNAULT DESCRIBED AS PRESIDENT

OF CHINESE REFUGEE RELIEF AND MRS. MC CORMICK AS DINNER CHAIRMAN FOR RECEPTION SCHEDULED MAY TWENTY SECOND, SIXTY-THREE, AT SHOREHAM HOTEL. AMONG GUESTS AT MC CORMICK PARTY OCTOBER THIRTY, SIXTY-EIGHT, WERE INDIVIDUALS USING AUTOMOBILES REGISTERED TO DOMINGO SANTA MARIA, AMBASSADOR OF CHILE; ARNE CHRISTIAN GUNNENG, AMBASSADOR OF NORWAY, AND AUTOMOBILES REGISTERED TO LINCOLN-MERCURY DIVISION, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, FOR USE OF JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS; AND CAFRITZ CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. MRS. CHENNAULT ALSO VISITED RESIDENCE AT TWO EIGHT ONE TWO WOODLAWN DRIVE, NORTHWEST WASHINGTON, D.C., LATER DURING EVENING OF OCTOBER THIRTY, SIXTY-EIGHT. WASHINGTON CITY DIRECTORY LISTS THIS ADDRESS AS RESIDENCE OF CECILY AND MARGARET J. CORCORAN. A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED CECILY AND MARGARET J. CORCORAN ARE DAUGHTERS OF THOMAS GARDINER CORCORAN, MEMBER OF LAW FIRM OF CORCORAN, FOLEY, YOUNGMAN AND ROWE WITH OFFICES ON ELEVENTH FLOOR, INVESTMENT BUILDING AT FIFTEENTH AND K STREETS, NORTHWEST. THOMAS G. CORCORAN WAS COUNSEL FOR GENERAL CLAIRE CHENNAULT, LATE SPOUSE OF ANNA CHENNAULT. SINCE THE DEATH OF MRS. CORCORAN IN LATE NINETEEN FIFTIES, MR. CORCORAN HAS BEEN AN ESCORT OF MRS. CHENNAULT.

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ATTENTION: MR. BROMLEY SMITH
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

(~~SECRET~~ - NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION) EMBASSY OF VIETNAM,
INTERNAL SECURITY - VIETNAM.

THIS WILL CONFIRM INFORMATION TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED
MR. BROMLEY SMITH OCTOBER THIRTY INSTANT.

A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE
PAST ADVISED THAT SHORTLY AFTER SEVEN THREE ZERO AM, OCTOBER
THIRTY INSTANT, AMBASSADOR BUI DIEM OF THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY
WAS CONTACTED BY A WOMAN WHO DID NOT IDENTIFY HERSELF AND
WHOM HE RECOGNIZED BY VOICE. (THIS WOMAN IS POSSIBLY MRS. ANNA
CHENNAULT, WIDOW OF GENERAL CLAIRE CHENNAULT, ACCORDING TO THE
SOURCE.) SHE COMMENTED THAT SHE DID NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
TO TALK WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON OCTOBER TWENTY-NINE LAST INASMUCH
AS THERE WERE SO MANY PEOPLE AROUND AND SHE THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS
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THE AMBASSADOR WOULD HAVE SOME MORE INFORMATION THIS MORNING.
SHE THEN ASKED WHAT THE SITUATION IS. THE AMBASSADOR RESPONDED
THAT "JUST AMONG US" THAT HE COULD NOT GO INTO SPECIFICS BUT
SOMETHING "IS COOKING." SHE THEN ASKED IF THAILAND IS GOING TO
BE REPRESENTATIVE OF BOTH SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE VIET CONG TO
WHICH HE RESPONDED "NO, NOTHING OF THIS SORT YET." HE THEN
SUGGESTED THAT IF SHE HAS TIME TODAY THAT SHE SHOULD DROP BY
AND TALK WITH HIM AS TIME IS RUNNING SHORT TODAY. SHE SAID
THAT SHE WILL DROP BY AFTER THE LUNCHEON FOR MRS. AGNEW TODAY.
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 30, 1968

Mr. Rostow:

Mrs. Chennault entered the South Vietnamese Embassy at 3:26 this afternoon.

She was still there at 4:30.

BKS
B. K. S.

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By lig, NARA, Date 7-26-95~~SECRET/SENSITIVE~~

Put that with the other stuff on that woman.

LBJ/mjdr

Nov 8

INFORMATION

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1968
9:40 a. m.

LITERALLY EYES ONLY

MR. PRESIDENT:

Herewith the first piece of interest from
Deke DeLoach.

Walt Rostow

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October 30, 1968

Following from Deke DeLoach:

Early this morning, approximately 7:45 A.M., Ambassador Bui Diem of the Vietnamese Embassy was contacted by a woman who did not identify herself but whom he seemed to recognize by voice. The FBI believes this woman to be possibly Mrs. Anna Chenault, widow of General Clare Chenault. The woman commented that she did not have an opportunity to talk with the Ambassador on 10/29/68 inasmuch as there were so many people around. However, she thought that perhaps the Ambassador would have some more information this morning. The woman then asked what the situation is. The Ambassador responded that "just among us" that he could not go into specifics on the telephone but something "is cooking." The woman then asked if Thailand is going to be the representative of both South Vietnam and the Viet Cong to which the Ambassador responded "no, nothing of this sort yet." The Ambassador then suggested that if the woman had time today she should drop by and talk with him as time is running short. She replied that she would drop by after the luncheon for Mrs. Agnew today.

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By cb, NARA Date 12-19-00

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May 14, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

The attached file contains the information available to me and (I believe) the bulk of the information available to President Johnson on the activities of Mrs. Chennault and other Republicans just before the presidential election of 1968.

As the raw data themselves indicate (and the chronologies I prepared for the President on November 7 and November 11, 1968), the story falls into three parts:

- the period from October 17 to October 29;
- the period from October 29 to the election, November 5;
- the post-election period.

From October 17 to October 29 we received diplomatic intelligence of Saigon's uneasiness with the apparent break in Hanoi's position on a total bombing cessation and with the Johnson Administration's apparent willingness to go forward. This was an interval, however, when Hanoi backed away from the diplomatic breakthrough of the second week of October. Only towards the end of the month was the agreement with Hanoi re-established. As late as October 28, Thieu, despite the uneasiness of which we were aware, told Amb. Bunker he would proceed, as he had agreed about two weeks earlier.

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In the early morning hours of October 29 the President and his advisers met with Abrams. Before going to that meeting, I was telephoned at home by my brother, Eugene Rostow. He reported the first of his messages from New York on Republican strategy -- from Alexander Sachs.

During the meeting with Abrams word came from Bunker of Thieu's sudden intransigence. The diplomatic information previously received plus the information from New York took on new and serious significance.

President Johnson, in the course of October 29, instructed Bromley Smith, Executive Secretary of the National Security Council, to get in touch with the Deputy Director of the FBI, Deke DeLoach and arrange that contacts by Americans with the South Vietnamese Embassy in Washington be monitored.

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This was done, yielding the FBI evidence the folder contains.

Before the election, President Johnson asked Rusk, Clifford, and me to consider the question of whether the story should be made public. On November 4 we recommended unanimously against that course on the grounds indicated in paragraph 3 of my teletype report to President Johnson, then at his Ranch.

President Johnson agreed.

Therefore, he continued, as he had since October 29, to confine his actions to the implications of Mrs. Chennault's effort for foreign policy. He indicated to Nixon and (probably) Dirksen that he was aware of "China Lobby" activity interfering with peace negotiations and wished it to stop. (I can only vouch personally for his reference during the conference call with the three candidates on October 31; but, on the basis of President Johnson's later recollections, it is likely that he took the matter up more bluntly with Dirksen on November 2 and when Nixon called on him at the Ranch on November 3.

After the election, he actively sought and obtained Nixon's cooperation (via Dirksen) in delivering the word that the President-elect wished the South Vietnamese to proceed to cooperate in moving towards a negotiation with Hanoi.

Press clippings reflecting the incident were collected; and, as the file indicates, the matter arose subsequently from time to time.

So much by way of a brief guide to the file.

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I would only add these personal reflections as of mid-May 1973.

I am inclined to believe the Republican operation in 1968 relates in two ways to the Watergate affair of 1972.

First, the election of 1968 proved to be close and there was some reason for those involved on the Republican side to believe their enterprise with the South Vietnamese and Thieu's recalcitrance may have sufficiently blunted the impact on U.S. politics of the total bombing halt and agreement to negotiate to constitute the margin of victory.

Second, they got away with it. Despite considerable press commentary after the election, the matter was never investigated fully.

Thus, as the same men faced the election of 1972, there was nothing in their previous experience with an operation of doubtful propriety (or, even, legality) to warn them off; and there were memories of how close an election could get and the possible utility of pressing to the limit -- or beyond.

W W Rostow

W. W. Rostow

November 3, 1972

MR. PRESIDENT: (from Dorothy Territo)

Your diary shows:

October 16, 1968 (Wednesday)

- 11:41 a.m. Conference call to Humphrey, Wallace, Nixon
(Vietnam situation - White House release on
reported peace negotiations)
- 1:40 p.m. Senator Dirksen called from Monticello, Illinois
(no subject indicated)
- 3:27 p.m. Call to Senator Dirksen at airport in Champaign, Illinois
(re: being asked about a statement he is being reported
to have made in a speech that President will play
politics with peace before election)

October 23, 1968 (Wednesday)

- 6:02 p.m. Senator Dirksen returned the President's call
(no subject indicated)

October 31, 1968 (Thursday)

- 4:09 p.m. Call to Senator Dirksen in Chicago
(no subject indicated)
- 6:05- 6:21 p.m. Conference call to Humphrey, Nixon and Wallace
(re: bombing halt)
- 6:28-6:35 p.m. Conference call to Congressional Leadership
(Senator Dirksen was in Chicago)

November 1, 1968 (Friday)

- 6:05 p.m. President arrived at LBJ Ranch

November 2, 1968 (Saturday)

- 9:18 p.m. President called Senator Dirksen who was in Chicago
(Secretary Clifford suggested the President call
Sen. Dirksen re stories going around that Nixon people
spreading rumors to wait on peace negotiations)

November 3, 1968 (Sunday)

- 1:54 p.m. Richard Nixon called the President from Los Angeles
(no subject indicated)

November 5, 1968 (Election Day)

November 7, 1968 (Thursday) President returned to WH in early a.m.

5:47 p.m. President to Fish Room for presentation of Thanksgiving Turkey by Senator Dirksen

6:05 p.m. - 6:26 p.m. President to Oval Office with Senator Dirksen

November 8, 1968 (Friday)

2:54 p.m. Call from Senator Dirksen re the Senator's talk w/Nixon this morning, South Vietnamese reactions; China lobby; and Saigon delegation to Paris.

9:23 p.m. Call from President-elect Richard Nixon, at Key Biscayne (no subject indicated)

November 9, 1968 (Saturday) *Nixon Read Bin Diem - Noon, Nov-9*

1:30 p.m. Call from Senator Dirksen (no subject indicated)

November 10, 1968 (Sunday)

9:06 p.m. Senator Dirksen returned the President's call (no subject indicated)

November 11, 1968 (Monday)

1:14 p.m. President-elect Nixon and Mrs. Nixon arrived WH
Lunch, briefings

5:02 p.m. Nixons departed

November 14, 1968 (Thursday)

10:56 a.m. President telephoned President-elect Nixon in New York (no subject indicated)

4:33 p.m. President telephoned President-elect Nixon in New York (no subject indicated)

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FROM WALT W ROSTOW
TO THE PRESIDENT
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DELIVER DIRECT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM WALT ROSTOW

NOVEMBER 4, 1968

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A MEETING OF OVER AN HOUR WITH
SEC. RUSK AND SEC. CLIFFORD ON THE CHINA MATTER.

1. WITH RESPECT TO THE PASSAGE OF THE TRANSCRIPT WHICH I HAD THEM
READ, THEY AGREED THAT NIXON APPEARED CLEAR IN MIND THAT THE TALKS
MIGHT NOT BEGIN AND YOU HAD MADE CLEAR THAT THEY MIGHT NOT BEGIN. WE
NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING STATEMENT COULD HAVE
INDUCED SOME FURTHER AMBIGUITY WHICH NIXON DID NOT FOLLOW UP AT THE
TIME: QUOTE DICK, THE TALKS WILL BE HELD. WE HAVE A FIRM AGREEMENT
THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WILL BRING THE NLF IN AND THE SOUTH
VIETNAMESE WILL BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND. END QUOTE

2. WITH RESPECT TO MCCLOSKEY, PURSUANT TO YOUR INSTRUCTIONS
SEC. RUSK AND SEC. CLIFFORD AGREED TO INSTRUCT HIM TO SAY TO SAVILLE
DAVIS: QUOTE OBVIOUSLY I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO THIS KIND OF
THING IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM. END QUOTE. HE WAS SO INSTRUCTED
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE TWO SECRETARIES AND MYSELF. HAVING RETURNED
TO MY OFFICE, I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A REPORT FROM MCCLOSKEY ON HIS
INTERVIEW WITH SAVILLE DAVIS. SAVILLE DAVIS BEGAN BY SAYING: QUOTE
I ASSUME YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMMENT ON THIS. END QUOTE. HE
THEN SHOWED MCCLOSKEY THE STORY WHICH WAS ALONG THE LINES FAMILIAR
TO YOU. THE STORY WAS HEADED BY BEVERLY DEEPE: QUOTE THIS MUST
BE CHECKED WITH THE NIXON PEOPLE BEFORE PUBLICATION. END QUOTE

SAVILLE DAVIS VOLUNTEERED THAT HIS NEWSPAPER WOULD CERTAINLY
NOT PRINT THE STORY IN THE FORM IN WHICH IT WAS FILED; BUT THEY
MIGHT PRINT A STORY WHICH SAID THIEU, ON HIS OWN, DECIDED TO
HOLD OUT UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION.

INCIDENTALLY, THE STORY AS FILED IS STATED TO BE BASED ON
VIETNAMESE SOURCES, AND NOT U.S., IN SAIGON.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE BODY OF INFORMATION THAT WE NOW HAVE
AVAILABLE, ALL THREE OF US AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITIONS:

-- THE INFORMATION SOURCES MUST BE PROTECTED AND NOT
INTRODUCED INTO DOMESTIC POLITICS.

-- EVEN WITH THESE SOURCES, THE CASE IS NOT OPEN AND SHUT.
ON THE QUESTION OF THE "PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW," SEC. RUSK WAS
VERY STRONG ON THE FOLLOWING POSITION: WE GET INFORMATION LIKE
THIS EVERY DAY, SOME OF IT VERY DAMAGING TO AMERICAN POLITICAL
FIGURES. WE HAVE ALWAYS TAKEN THE VIEW THAT WITH RESPECT TO
SUCH SOURCES THERE IS NO PUBLIC "RIGHT TO KNOW." SUCH INFORMATION
IS COLLECTED SIMPLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF NATIONAL SECURITY.

-- SO FAR AS THE INFORMATION BASED ON SUCH SOURCES IS CONCERNED,
ALL THREE OF US AGREED: (A) EVEN IF THE STORY BREAKS, IT WAS JUDGED
TOO LATE TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ELECTION. (B) THE
VIABILITY OF THE MAN ELECTED AS PRESIDENT WAS INVOLVED AS WELL
AS SUBSEQUENT RELATIONS BETWEEN HIM AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON. (C)
THEREFORE, THE COMMON RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT WE SHOULD NOT
ENCOURAGE SUCH STORIES AND HOLD TIGHT THE DATA WE HAVE.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IS A FURTHER ITEM WHICH JUST CAME IN.
(I ASSUME THAT BUI DIEM BROUGHT HER IN TO TELL HER ABOUT
SAVILLE DAVIS' VISIT.)

QUOTE

ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT,
MRS. ANNA CHENNAULT TRAVELED IN HER LINCOLN CONTINENTAL FROM
HER RESIDENCE TO THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY WHERE SHE REMAINED
FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTY MINUTES AND THEREAFTER WENT TO ROOM
TWO ZERO FIVE, SEVENTEEN ZERO ONE, PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE,
ARRIVING SHORTLY AFTER ELEVEN AM.

ROOM TWO ZERO FIVE, SEVENTEEN ZERO ONE PENNSYLVANIA
AVENUE IS UNMARKED, HOWEVER, PRETEST INQUIRY OF A NEARBY
OFFICE ELICITED RESPONSE THAT ROOM TWO ZERO FIVE IS A NIXON
OFFICE.

A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN
THE PAST ADVISED THAT AT ELEVEN THIRTYFIVE AM, A REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY TALKED WITH MRS. CHENNAULT AND SAID
THAT THE AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO SEE MRS. CHENNAULT IN
TEN OR FIFTEEN MINUTES. MRS. CHENNAULT STATED SHE COULD
BE REACHED AT TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO NINE EIGHT NINE ZERO
ONE SIX.

SHORTLY AFTER NOON, MRS. CHENNAULT DEPARTED SEVENTEEN
ZERO ONE PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AND PROCEEDED VIA CAB TO THE
VIETNAMESE EMBASSY WHERE SHE REMAINED FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN
MINUTES. UPON LEAVING THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY, SHE WALKED
TO THE CHINESE EMBASSY, TWENTYTHREE ELEVEN MASSACHUSETTS
AVENUE, ARRIVING TWELVE TWENTY PM.

A SECOND SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION
IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT AT TWELVE TWENTYONE PM A REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE CHINESE EMBASSY SUMMONED A CAB. THE SAME SOURCE ADVISED
THAT SEVERAL MINUTES LATER, MRS. CHENNAULT CONTACTED HER OWN
OFFICE STATING THAT SHE WOULD COME TO HER OFFICE IN A FEW
MINUTES.

A CAB PICKED UP MRS. CHENNAULT SHORTLY AFTER TWELVE
THIRTY PM AND TOOK HER TO THE INVESTMENT BUILDING, FIFTEEN
ELEVEN K STREET, NORTHWEST.

A THIRD SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE
INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT TELEPHONE NUMBER
TWO NINE EIGHT NINE ZERO ONE SIX IS LISTED TO THE WOMEN'S
ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SUITE TEN FORTYTWO, INVESTMENT BUILDING,
FIFTEEN ELEVEN K STREET, NORTHWEST, AND IS AN AUXILIARY
LINE FROM A PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE (SWITCHBOARD) AT
SEVENTEEN ZERO ONE PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NORTHWEST. IT IS
AN UNLISTED NUMBER.

TEN FORTYTWO INVESTMENT BUILDING IS THE OFFICE OF
THE CLAIRE L. CHENNAULT FOUNDATION.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Thursday, November 7, 1968 - 12:10pm

Mr. President:

Herewith a full chronological file
of the special intelligence items you
asked for.

Key passages are marked.

Walt W. Rostow

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John Wilson

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Tuesday, October 29, 1968
6:00 a.m.

Mr. President:

I just called Gene and asked him to dicatate to Miss Nivens what he told me last night. Here it is.

I asked him to go back to Alexander Sachs and see how much further detail he can get on the people involved and how close, in fact, they are to Nixon.

W. W. Rostow

October 29, 1968

Last night I received a telephone call from an old friend in New York, a man of experience and a careful and even exact reporter. He said he had attended a working lunch that day with colleagues in Wall Street. Two were men closely involved with Nixon. One of them explained to the group that Nixon was handling the Vietnam peace problem "like another Fortas case." He was trying to frustrate the President, by inciting Saigon to step up its demands, and by letting Hanoi know that when he took office "he could accept anything and blame it on his predecessor."

E. V. Rostow



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Tuesday, October 29, 1968
12:50 p.m.

Mr. President:

Herewith a somewhat more detailed
account from Gene about the conversation
briefly reported to you this morning.

W. W. Rostow
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Oct. 29, 1968

Walt:

I had a further talk with my informant about the luncheon conversation he attended yesterday.

The man who spoke was a member of the banking community, a colleague, a man he has known for many years, and one in whose honesty he has absolute confidence. The speaker is reputed to be very close to Nixon -- as close as Gabriel Hauge (it was not Hauge). (He feels he cannot give me his name.)

The conversation was in the context of a professional discussion about the future of the financial markets in the near term.

The speaker said he thought the prospects for a bombing halt or a cease-fire were dim, because Nixon was playing the problem as he did the Fortas affair -- to block. He was taking public positions intended to achieve that end. They would incite Saigon to be difficult, and Hanoi to wait.

Part of his strategy was an expectation that an offensive would break out soon, that we would have to spend a great deal more (and incur more casualties) -- a fact which would adversely affect the stock market and the bond market. NVN offensive action was a definite element in their thinking about the future.

These difficulties would make it easier for Nixon to settle after January. Like Ike in 1953, he would be able to settle on terms which the President could not accept, blaming the deterioration of the situation between now and January or February on his predecessor.

Gene

November 4, 1968

The object of the exercise was to nullify the political impact of the President's decision by making it dubious. They think that goal has been achieved. They think the political effect of the bombing halt has been reduced by 25% - 33%.

The damage was done via Thieu in Saigon, through low level Americans.

They think the damage has been done.

Thieu, in their judgment, will continue on his present line until it becomes impossible.

Mitchell's strategy is for Nixon now to be a statesman. He can't do any more mischief politically at home, although his troops will continue to use the line here. He regards any further steps by him as counter-productive.

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November 5, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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