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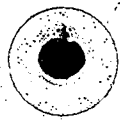
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BEN HAIG BAGDIKIAN

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At 9:30 a.m., [redacted] telephonically advised [redacted] that on Saturday, June 19, 1971, a young lady named [redacted] who identified herself as being affiliated with the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), contacted her at her home. *Caliz* (U)

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[redacted] handed her an unsealed letter which she requested be forwarded to [redacted]. The next day [redacted] returned the letter to [redacted] with a note stating that she did not know where [redacted] was located and would be unable to forward the note. [redacted] indicated to [redacted] that it was alright if she read the correspondence. (U)

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[redacted] recalled that the letter was of such a nature as to indicate that [redacted] was personally acquainted with [redacted] and requested an interview in which his privacy would be guaranteed. She only desired that her boss at CBS also be aware of the interview. [redacted] mentioned in the letter that she had also been trying to get in touch with Ben Bagdekian (phonetic) but she did not want to break his "cover". (U)

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[redacted] was unaware of the identify of Ben Bagdekian. On the evening of June 27, 1971, while dining with friends, [redacted] learned that Ben Bagdekian is reportedly the Domestic Editor of the "Washington Post". During the time that [redacted] was employed at Rand, Bagdekian was on a leave of absence from the "Post" and was serving as a consultant at Rand while writing a book. Bagdekian was apparently associated with [redacted] at Rand. (U)

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On 6/28/71 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles [redacted]

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by *J* SA NORMAN R. JOHNSON/bab Date dictated 6/28/71

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[redacted]  
[redacted] telephonically advised (U)  
as follows:

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[redacted]  
[redacted] had stayed at his home during the night of (U)  
June 27, 1971.

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He learned that approximately a week ago, a representative of CBS News had contacted [redacted] at her home and advised that this person had a message that they wanted to get to [redacted]. The representative stated that they had considered contacting one BEN BAGDIKIAN in this regard, however, they did not wish to "blow his cover". [redacted] could furnish no further information concerning this matter. (U)

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[redacted] telephonically advised as follows: (U)

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On the evening of June 27, 1971, [redacted]

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[redacted] spent the night at the [redacted] home. [redacted] stated that she learned from [redacted] that approximately one week ago, she had been contacted by one [redacted] of CBS News, who attempted to give [redacted] a message intended for [redacted]. [redacted] had stated that she would have attempted to reach [redacted] through one BEN BAGDIKIAN, however, she did not want to "blow his cover". [redacted] could not elaborate on this point, however, she stated that BAGDIKIAN is currently associated with the "Washington Post" and had formerly been employed by the Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, California, from approximately the fall of 1969 to the fall of 1970. (U)

[redacted] continued that [redacted] had told her that a man named [redacted] (phonetic) who is associated with [redacted] had assisted [redacted] on June 26, 1971 at a time when numerous members of the news media had congregated in front of [redacted] residence seeking to interview her. [redacted] had helped [redacted] elude these individuals by helping them to climb a rear fence. (U)

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] is the [redacted]. (U)

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[redacted]  
[redacted] telephonically advised (U)  
as follows:

BEN BAGDIKIAN, who is currently the National Editor of the "Washington Post", was employed by Rand Corporation at Santa Monica, California on the staff of the Social Science Department from September 5, 1967 until his work was completed on December 31, 1969. BAGDIKIAN had a top secret clearance in connection with his work from February 12, 1968 until December 31, 1969. During this period, BAGDIKIAN produced a book on the "News Media". [redacted] stated that BAGDIKIAN was acquainted with [redacted] (U)

[redacted] advised that one night, approximately a week to ten days ago, on the night prior to the publishing of the classified papers by the "Washington Post", he had attempted to call BAGDIKIAN, however, he was unable to reach him and [redacted] spoke with [redacted] instead. She related to him that [redacted] had attempted to contact [redacted] several days previous. She offered no further information regarding this matter. [redacted] presumes this attempted contact by [redacted] was telephonic. (U)

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[redacted]  
[redacted], furnished the six page Personnel Security Questionnaire (PSQ) dated November 1, 1967, signed November 1, 1967, pertaining to Ben Haig Bagdikian, which is attached. (u)

He advised that Bagdikian had been a former editor with the "Washington Post" and was at Rand Corporation to write a book. The book that Bagdikian wrote while at Rand Corporation was entitled "The Information Machines". (u)

*Ben* [redacted] also made available the personnel file of Bagdikian which contained the following pertinent information: (u)

*Calley* Regarding his employment, his effective date of employment was September 29, 1967, and effective date of termination was December 31, 1969. He was granted a "top secret" clearance on February 12, 1968 by Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO). The clearance was canceled on January 5, 1970. Prior to his effective date of employment Bagdikian, on August 20, 1967, signed a "Certificate of Nonaffiliation with Certain Organizations". Said list contains those organizations designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. On August 21, 1967, Bagdikian was fingerprinted. The fingerprint card was submitted by USINS and his residence at that time was given as 3210 Newark Street N. W., Washington, D. C. On September 6, 1967, he signed a paper acknowledging that he had read the Rand Security Manual and understood the safeguards he had to apply to protect classified information. On November 1, 1967, he signed a memorandum that he had brought no classified material to Rand Corporation and that any material he might receive from a visitor would be turned over for proper recording and charging. (u)

On 6/28/71 at Santa Monica, California File # Los Angeles [redacted]

by SA ROBERT L. BOYD and SA GEORGE S. BACON /bab Date dictated 6/28/71



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[redacted] advised that he has known Ben Haig Bagdikian since 1961. He stated that Bagdikian had lived [redacted] Bagdikian at that time was employed as a reporter with the "Saturday Evening Post". He has been socially acquainted with Bagdikian since that time. He advised that Bagdikian had been at Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, California, from September 1967 until December 1969. Bagdikian wrote a book called "The Information Machines" during the period of time that he was employed at Rand Corporation. Bagdikian was in the Social Sciences Department while at Rand Corporation. Bagdikian, in [redacted] opinion, knew [redacted] however, he does not believe that [redacted] and Bagdikian were very close socially. He stated that most of the employees, especially with many years of experience know one another and talk to one another while they are at Rand Corporation. He said that he had been to numerous social events with Bagdikian and it is possible that [redacted] had been in attendance also, however, it is extremely hard for him to say specifically that there was any direct social relationship between [redacted] and Bagdikian. He said that he could state that there was no professional relationship between Bagdikian and [redacted] due to the fact that they were not working in the same field nor on the same project. (u)

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He feels that Bagdikian is an extremely responsible person and he has no questions as to the character, loyalty, reputation or associates of Bagdikian. He cannot state if there was any contact between [redacted] and Bagdikian concerning the [redacted]. (u)

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He stated that he had tried to contact Bagdikian on the night prior to the publishing of portions of the [redacted] by the "Washington Post", however, he had been unable to speak to Bagdikian personally. He advised that he had talked to [redacted], who advised him that [redacted] had tried to contact [redacted] several days previous. She furnished no further information. (u)

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pertaining to [redacted] attempt to contact [redacted]  
He said that [redacted]  
at the present time, however, he does not know if this is  
[redacted] (u)

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He advised that the only other person who might  
have any specific information pertaining to the relationship  
between Bagdikian and [redacted] is [redacted] who is the  
[redacted] (u)

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[redacted]  
[redacted] advised that he first met Bagdikian when Bagdikian came to Rand Corporation to write a book. He stated that he does not know if there was close social relationship between Bagdikian and [redacted] however, he doubts if there was. He stated that Bagdikian and [redacted] knew each other while at Rand Corporation and it is possible that they attended various social functions with other employees at Rand Corporation during that time. He said that there was no professional relationship between Bagdikian and [redacted]. He advised that the last time that he saw Bagdikian was in approximately May 1970, in Washington, D. C. where he met Bagdikian for dinner one night. He does not know if [redacted] contacted Bagdikian prior to the release of portions of the [redacted]. He advised that in his opinion Bagdikian is a very responsible person and is a very learned man with a vast amount of experience. He said that while Bagdikian was at Rand Corporation he wrote a book and also advised Rand on various positions concerning the news media and other aspects of the processing of news and public relations concerning Rand. (U)

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He advised that he knows of no other person at Rand who would have any direct knowledge as to the social relationship between [redacted] and Bagdikian, however, he feels that possibly the five people who wrote a letter to the "Washington Post" concerning the Vietnam situation in October 1969 would possibly have known of more closely a personal or social relationship between [redacted] and Bagdikian. (U)

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