TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION) AND SACS BALTIMORE, BOSTON, HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES, NEW YORK, OKLAHOMA CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO
FROM: SAC, WFO  
MC LEK. SIO - SUMMARY.

TODAY THAT HE AND ASSOCIATES CHECKED SENATOR MIKE GRAVEL'S OFFICE FOR QUOTE BUGS END QUOTE ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER ONE, LAST. EVERYTHING WAS CLEAN OTHER THAN RADIO FREQUENCY CARRIER ON ALL LINES CHECKED, INCLUDING THE TELEPHONE LINE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND GUARDS OFFICE. CONCLUDED HE COULD NOT SAY THAT THERE WERE ANY BUGS, HOWEVER, THE PRESENCE OF RADIO FREQUENCY CARRIER MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE TO BUG THE LINES. AMONG THE PEOPLE PRESENT DURING PORTION OF SURVEY FOR BUGS, WERE SENATOR GRAVEL, AND AIDE TO THE SENATOR, OF THE INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES (IPS), REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHONE COMPANY, SERGEANT AT ARMS' AND GUARD'S OFFICE.

RECOMMENDED TO THE SENATOR'S OFFICE THAT IT REQUEST A CHECK OF THE LINES BY THE TELEPHONE COMPANY EXPERTS.

WAS INTERVIEWED AT HER RESIDENCE TODAY.

CAR: cfr

Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge
WASHINGTON POST PERSONNEL WHO COULD REASONABLY BE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE WASHINGTON POST OBTAINED THE PENTAGON PAPERS. REFERENCE ALSO BALTIMORE TELETYPING SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN, LAST, ADVISING

Baltimore is requested to recontact for any additional information he can furnish along the lines suggested above.

For the additional information of Baltimore and recipient offices, an article in the September-October, last, edition of the Columbia Journalism Review reported that Ben Bagdikian of the Washington Post who is the Assistant Managing Editor for National News, said the Post obtained a quote little sliver end quote of the Pentagon Study on Tuesday, (June Fifteen, last) after The New York Times began publishing but it was determined the period covered by the material was already broadly reported.
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BY THE NEW YORK TIMES AND NOT UNIQUE ENOUGH TO WARRANT PUBLICATION. THEN ON JUNE SEVENTEEN LAST, BAGDIKIAN ARRIVED BY CAB AT THE HOME OF BENJAMIN BRADLEE, EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF THE PAPER, CARRYING FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED UNBOUND PAGES OF THE DOCUMENTS. AND OF THE WASHINGTON POST STAFF WERE THERE. THEY SORTED THE MATERIAL ACCORDING TO TIME PERIODS AND SUBJECT MATTER. REPORTERS WERE THEN ASSIGNED SEGMENTS WITH WHICH THEY WERE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND BEGAN WORKING. DISCUSSIONS WERE SIMULTANEOUSLY CONDUCTED REGARDING LEGALITIES INVOLVED IN PUBLICATION OF THE DOCUMENTS AND A DECISION WAS MADE TO PRINT THEM. THE WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHED ITS FIRST STORY ON JUNE EIGHTEEN, LAST.

DURING CONTACT WITH BALTIMORE IS ALSO REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF HAS ANY INFORMATION ABOUT BAGDIKIAN'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD JUNE THIRTEEN TO SEVENTEEN LAST AND HOW HE CAME INTO POSSESSION OF THE FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOCUMENTS.

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COMPANY, TULSA, OKLAHOMA, AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY AND
DINERS CLUB, NEW YORK CITY, AND TEXACO INCORPORATED, BELLAIRE,
TEXAS, REGARDING BENJAMIN HAIG BAGDIKIAN. IN AN EFFORT TO
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THE PERIOD JUNE THIRTEEN TO SEVENTEEN, LAST, HOUSTON CONTACT
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EXPRESS AND DINERS CLUB, NEW YORK CITY; OKLAHOMA CITY CONTACT
SHELL OIL COMPANY, TULSA, OKLAHOMA; SAN FRANCISCO CONTACT
UNION OIL COMPANY AT SAN FRANCISCO. DETERMINE IF THESE
COMPANIES HAVE ANY CHARGE ACCOUNTS WITH BAGDIKIAN AND IF SO
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING CHARGES MADE BY
BAGDIKIAN DURING THE PERIOD JUNE THIRTEEN TO SEVENTEEN, LAST.
INFORMATION SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU, BOSTON, LOS
ANGELES AND WFO.