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Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Soyars	_____
Mr. Beaver	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

SUMMARY TELETYPE MC LEK, NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 12/22/21 BY [redacted]

ON JUNE TWENTYNINE INSTANT [redacted]

RAND CORPORATION, SANTA MONICA, ADVISED THAT [redacted]

[redacted], U.S. AIR FORCE, CURRENTLY STATIONED AT

[redacted], WAS A PARTICIPANT IN THE ORIGINAL TASK FORCE

COMMISSIONED TO COMPILE THE [redacted] PERSONAL

PAPERS INCLUDING DOCUMENTS, MEMORANDA AND OTHER WRITINGS,

CONSISTING OF A TOTAL OF FIVE SEVEN SIX PAGES, WERE SENT TO RAND

CORPORATION FOR SAFE CUSTODY AND WERE BROKEN DOWN INTO TWO BLACK

NOTEBOOKS. [redacted] WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ASSIGNED AS A [redacted]

[redacted] TO RAND, SANTA MONICA, AND THESE TWO NOTEBOOKS WERE

MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM AT SANTA MONICA. [redacted] HAD

LEGAL ACCESS TO BOTH NOTEBOOKS. [redacted] LEFT RAND JUNE TWENTY

FIVE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE AND THE NOTEBOOKS REMAINED AT RAND,

SANTA MONICA, UNTIL RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ON JUNE

SEVENTEEN NINETEEN SEVENTY ONE. ACCORDING TO [redacted] THE ARTICLES

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cc to [redacted]
w/ans new data
6/30/71 [redacted]

MR. SULLIVAN FOR THE DIRECTOR

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WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES SERIES APPEAR TO HAVE COME FROM THE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN [REDACTED] NOTEBOOKS AND WERE NOT FROM THE FINAL FORTY SEVEN VOLUME SET ENTITLED QUOTE UNITED STATES DASH VIETNAM RELATIONS, NINETEEN FORTY FIVE DASH NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN UNQUOTE NOR WERE THEY FROM THE PRELIMINARY THIRTY-EIGHT VOLUME DRAFT. BOTH NOTEBOOKS CURRENTLY IN POSSESSION DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, PENTAGON. [REDACTED] HAS AN INDEX OF THE DOCUMENTS CONTAINED IN THE TWO NOTEBOOKS WHICH HE WILL MAKE AVAILABLE ON JUNE THIRTY NEXT, WITH FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO WHEN RAND, SANTA MONICA, RECEIVED CUSTODY OF THESE DOCUMENTS.

[REDACTED], RAND EMPLOYEE AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], INTERVIEWED JUNE TWENTY-NINE INSTANT AND COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

ON JUNE TWENTY-EIGHT LAST [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT ON SATURDAY, JUNE NINETEEN, A FEMALE REPORTER FROM CBS NAMED [REDACTED] CAME TO HER RESIDENCE AND LEFT A NOTE TO BE DELIVERED TO [REDACTED] ~~LATER RETURNED THIS NOTE, STA AND LEFT A NOTE TO~~
BE DELIVERED TO [REDACTED] ~~LATER RETURNED THIS NOTE,~~ STATING SHE WAS UNABLE TO DELIVER IT. THE CONTENTS, ACCORDING TO

[REDACTED], REQUESTED A CBS INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] MENTIONED SHE HAD ALSO BEEN TRYING TO CONTACT BEN BAGDIKIAN

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PAREN PHONETIC UNPAREN BUT DID NOT WANT TO QUOTE BREAK HIS
COVER UNQUOTE. ON JUNE TWENTY-SEVEN LAST [REDACTED]
LEARNED THAT BAGDIKIAN WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WASHINGTON POST
AND HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO RAND AT THE SAME TIME AS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. HE WAS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THE POST DURING THAT
TIME.

ON JUNE TWENTY-EIGHT LAST [REDACTED], RAND
CORPORATION, SANTA MONICA, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT BEN
BAGDIKIAN, WHO IS CURRENTLY THE NATIONAL EDITOR OF THE WASHINGTON
POST, WAS EMPLOYED BY RAND AT SANTA MONICA ON THE STAFF OF THE
SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT FROM SEPTEMBER FIVE NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN
UNTIL HIS WORK WAS COMPLETED DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE NINETEEN SIXTY-
NINE. BAGDIKIAN HAD A TOP SECRET CLEARANCE IN CONNECTION WITH
HIS WORK FROM FEBRUARY TWELVE NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT UNTIL DECEMBER
THIRTY-ONE NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE. DURING THIS PERIOD BAGDIKIAN
PRODUCED A BOOK ON THE QUOTE NEWS MEDIA UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] STATED
BAGDIKIAN WAS ACQUAINTED WITH [REDACTED] ADVISED
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, WAS UNABLE TO
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REACH HIM AND 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 AND [REDACTED] PRESUMES THIS ATTEMPTED CONTACT WAS TELEPHONIC. [REDACTED] STATED HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT BAGDIKIAN FOR ADVICE CONCERNING RAND'S POSITION WITH RELATION TO THE NEWSPAPER DISCLOSURES. BEN BAGDIKIAN

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A PSQ AT RAND REVEALS BEN HAIG BAGDIKIAN, BORN JANUARY THIRTY NINETEEN TWENTY, TURKEY, PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AS A REPORTER FOR PROVIDENCE JOURNAL AND SELF EMPLOYED CONTRACTOR WITH SATURDAY EVENING POST.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ALL ASSOCIATES OF [REDACTED] AT HER ADVERTISING FIRM AND TO LOCATE BANK RECORDS OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE A CHECK IN PAYMENT TO [REDACTED] FROM [REDACTED] FOR THE XEROXING USE.

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[REDACTED] FORMER ACCOUNTANT FOR [REDACTED] DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, HAS BEEN LOCATED AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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ADMINISTRATIVE. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY PAUL VINCENT DEPARTED LOS ANGELES NINE FIFTEEN A.M. JUNE TWENTY-NINE INSTANT EN ROUTE

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