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Memo For File

FROM: Helen F. Hoyt

I returned a telephone call made by Mr. James Cummings at 8:45 a.m. this date. I reached Mr. Cummings at 9:20 a.m.

Mr. Cummings wanted to have us consider interviews with Dircks, Stello, Keppler, Palladino, Ahearne, and Gilinsky. He suggested that we ask two questions of these people: (1) Did you read OIA's report and in its entirety? and (2) Do you based on the report consider it a fair report and a good faith effort and did we touch all bases? If not, why?

Mr. Cummings said he felt we should go to these people who had looked at the report at the time. They should be asked whether it was not an independent and impartial look at the facts and that OIA had turned over the rocks.

The question, he said, was to ask these people if the report was a good faith effort.

I did not advise Mr. Cummings that we had interviewed at least one of the persons he had suggested but did advise him that his suggestion would be taken under consideration. He said he understood but that he had thought about this on his way to the office and wanted to pass along the consideration. He said Keppler had felt bitter about the report initially and that he had talked with Keppler about it many times. He felt Keppler's attitude had changed about it and he thought Keppler had softened his opinion over the period of time since the report had been issued.

I again assured Cummings that we would consider the suggestion but I did not wish to go any further into the matter at this time. He then asked what was new and I replied nothing but the sports news and there was an exchange of remarks about that. The call was terminated after about 5 minutes.

Present in my office at the time of the call was Ruthanne Miller and David Lewis--law clerks on the panel--who had entered my office at the beginning of the call.

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