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MEMORANDUM FOR: File

FROM: Ben E. Hayes, Director  
Office of Investigations

SUBJECT: GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION

Approximately 3:50 p.m., I returned Mr. Julian Greenspun's telephone call of this date. He requested a copy of the memorandum that the Commission sent to the Hill (Oversight Committees). He also wanted to know if during Bill Dircks' telephone call to the Regional Administrators concerning the Grand Jury if any record was made of the phone call. The third issue that was discussed, and I raised the topic, was whether or not the Department of Justice would object to the release of his November 1, 1984 letter to me to the general employee population of the Commission. I explained possibly the release of his letter would assist in alleviating many employees' apprehension concerning the Grand Jury matters.

We discussed various methods of informing those employees that should be informed about the Grand Jury--such as major Office Directors having a copy; having a copy read to the Executive Staff; allowing Executive Staff to read the letter but not copy it, etc. I told him that I would call Bill Dircks and ask Bill Dircks' views on what method he would recommend since it involved the "Staff".

I told him I would make inquiries to determine if Dircks' maintained a record and make an appropriate request to the Commission for a copy of the memorandum to the Hill. We then agreed that we would get back to each other the following day, Thursday, November 15 at approximately 9:30 a.m. and the conversation terminated.

At approximately 4:10 p.m., same date, Mr. Greenspun called and he expressed the position of the Department that he would not comment on the release of the November 1, 1984 letter to me and that we (the Commission) could do anything we wanted.

I told him that if we elect to make the letter freely available to the staff that the likelihood is greatly increased that his letter would end up being made public (media), and we were concerned that if that occurred it may have a negative impact on his Grand Jury. He again reiterated his position that the Department would make no comment notwithstanding that possibility. I thanked him. The conversation was approximately three minutes in length.

At 4:30 p.m. this date, I discussed with Chairman Palladino my two telephone calls with Mr. Greenspun. The Chairman indicated he could see no problem with providing Mr. Greenspun with a copy of the memo to our Oversight Committees and Bill Dircks was due in his office at approximately 4:30 p.m. and he would

discuss with Bill and have Bill call me concerning the record question and release of the November 1, 1984 letter to the staff.

The Chairman indicated that he wished to consult with the Commission concerning the release of the November 1, 1984 letter. At approximately 4:40 p.m. this date, Bill Dircks called from H Street and advised:

- (1) He kept no notes of his telephone conversation to the Regional Administrators concerning their notification of the Grand Jury;
- (2) He read the November 1, 1984 letter from Mr. Greenspun to me "word for word"; and
- (3) His copy of the letter is currently in his briefcase and he is carrying it with him.

We then discussed whether or not it would be advantageous to the Commission to release to the members of the staff the November 1, 1984 letter. Bill had various views and we discussed the pros and cons; but I left it with Bill and the Chairman that we could release the letter if we so desire.