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THE WHITE HOUSE

Eva,

The attached copy of the report is the only one

Mr. Casselman has, would you please be kind enough to see that it gets back to me.

Thanks,

Brenda



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 1, 1974

Dear Mr. Axelrad:

This responds to your inquiry regarding the security and duplication arrangements for the "Presidential materials of the Nixon Administration specified in the Supplemental Order in the proceedings entitled Nixon v. And Sampson, et. al., D. D. C., No. 74-1518 and A. Mo, 74-1533

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> > Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen Counsel to the President

Jeffrey Axelrad, Esquire Trial Attorney, Civil Division Department of Justice Washington, D. C. 20530



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THE WHITE HOUSE

November 1, 1974

Dear Mr. Axelrad:

This responds to your inquiry regarding the security and duplication arrangements for the Presidential materials of the Nixon Administration that are presently in the custody and control of the Defendants as specified in the Supplemental Order in the proceedings entitled Nixon, et al. v. Sampson, et al., D. D. C. No. 74-1518 and No. 74-1533.

The materials are presently held at different locations, and the highest security level is maintained for the most sensitive of the materials. Following my study of reports concerning all locations where the materials are held, I have concluded that the present arrangements made for the security of the materials are sufficient to maintain their proper safekeeping in compliance with the Court Order. I am further of the opinion that existing facilities for duplication of the materials are adequate to meet current and anticipated requests. I understand other duplicating facilities have been suggested, but in my judgment the present facilities are adequate to meet the current requirements, consistent with the necessary security arrangements relating to the materials.

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I. Location

A. Old Executive Office Building

Approximately 10,000 cubic feet of documents and papers which may fall within the description "Presidential materials of the Nixon Administration" (hereinafter the "materials") are stored in the Old Executive Office Building of the White House complex under the physical control of the Administrator of General Services. The great bulk of these materials is presently stored in 26 rooms on the fourth floor of the building. These materials consist of the former White House central files as well as the files of selected staff offices. In addition, General Services Administration controls access to another room which serves as a staging area for the accessioning of new materials into the aforementioned storage rooms. There is presently in progress a program for the accessioning of outstanding materials within the White House complex in the hands of 41 staff members. Approximately two-thirds of the materials outstanding when the program was instituted on October 17 have been accessioned, and the completion of the accessioning is slated for November 1.

B. National Archives Building

Presidential materials in the National Archives Building include
4,930 cubic feet of boxed materials from the central files located in two
large stack areas and two staging areas near the building's loading dock.
About 3,400 cubic feet have been strapped on pallets and are stored in
locked staging areas near the loading dock. These are regarded as lowgrade materials, comprising public opinion mail received by the White House
The remaining 1,500 cubic feet are shelved in two secure stack areas

In addition, there are approximately 6,000 cubic feet of gifts received by the President contained in 1,100 crates of varying sizes located in three small vaults and one safe. These latter materials include gifts from foreign government officials (subject to the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act) as well as gifts received from domestic and non-government foreign donors.

C. Suitland Federal Records Center

About 1,600 boxes containing printed supplies such as speeches, reference publications, hand-out materials, etc., are stored in the Federal Records Center, Suitland, Maryland.

II. Security and Access

A. Old Executive Office Building

The security of and access to the materials stored in the 26 rooms under General Services Administration custody within the Old Executive Office Building are governed by the procedures adopted by the General Services Administration and discussed below in its implementation of Judge Richey's order, as supplemented on October 22, 1974. One key, of which there are two specimens, opens the lock to each of the rooms. One of the specimens is kept in a General Services Administration controlled safe to which only the General Services Administration coordinator, appointed by the Administrator to facilitate implementation of Judge Richey's order, and his alternate have the combination. The other specimen is kept under glass at the Executive Protective Service control center, and is to be used only in an emergency which threatens the physical preservation of the materials. In addition, six of the rooms are under the EPS alarm system. The security of and the six of the rooms are under the EPS alarm system. The security of and the six of the rooms are under the EPS alarm system. The security of and the six of the rooms are under the EPS alarm system.

access to the archival staging room used in preparing the materials for accessioning into the storage rooms is under the control of and limited to employees of GSA's National Archives and Records Service, Office of Presidential Libraries, working under accessioning instructions of the White House. This room is also under the EPS alarm system.

B. National Archives Building

The materials which may be subject to the court order are now located with in two archives stack ereas. They are being consolidated in one stack, the move to be completed by November 4. These stacks are both controlled by combination locks to which seven designated staff archivists now have access. After November 4, the combination will be limited to the General Services Administration coordinator who governs access according to procedures described below. The gift materials in the three vaults are also protected by combination locks presently possessed by the seme seven archivists. These combinations will also be limited after November 4 to the General Services Administration coordinator. The low-grade materials on strapped pallets are within locked rooms in the loading dock staging area. While we deem the material adequately protected relative to value, we are now constructing a wire enclosure as an additional measure to insure that any intrusion is apparent.

C. Suitland Federal Records Center

The boxed printed materials are on open shelving within one of twenty large records storage bays, and are subject to the overall security conditions of the Records Center.

III. Procedures for Handling Requests for Access

In each of the storage facilities containing materials in General Services Administration custody, the following procedures adopted by General

Services Administration on October 25, 1974, apply in permitting access. First, a written request for access documenting the elements of the court order under which the request is made must be transmitted to the General Services Administration coordinator. Barring exceptional circumstances explained in writing, each of the requests must be in the hands of the coordinator with appropriate documentation 24 hours in advance of the scheduled access appointment. The coordinator, or his duly appointed alternate in his absence, communicates the terms of the request to the Administrator of General Services and the GSA General Counsel. When the GSA General Counsel has determined that the request falls within one of the categories of access permitted under the court order and the Administrator has approved the access, the coordinator communicates its terms to Mr. Buchen or his designated agent and Mr. Nixon or his attorney, and advises them of the time of the access appointment. At the time of the access appointment, the coordinator assembles the necessary parties for access, including himself, the requester, Mr. Buchen or his agent, Mr. Nixon's attorney or his agent, and an archival employee. The coordinator opens the room and makes the proper arrangements for deactivating any existing alarm system. Before locking the room upon leaving, the coordinator makes the proper arrangements for reactivating any existing alarm system. With the approval of the parties present; the archival employee may assist in the location of the requested material. Also upon request, and with the approval and in the presence of the necessary parties, materials may be removed from the room and taken to a research room for examination and/or photocopying in accordance with the provisions of the court order. Upon completion of these activities, Mr. Parchen or his agent and Mr. Nixon's attorney or his agent, accompanied by the

coordinator, returns the materials to the proper storage room, and the coordinator secures the room.

The coordinator maintains a chronological record of each transaction under this procedure, as well as any other permissible entry of a room containing subject materials in the custody of General Services Administration. The record contains the date of entry, the room of entry, the time of entry, the time of departure and the names of all parties entering the room, as well as noting the entry or departure time of any party who enters or leaves at a time other than that already recorded. It also identifies each box entered in the room of entry, and each box or individual folder removed from the room of entry.

The coordinator also maintains in a secure storage room at least one copy of materials or photocopies removed by the requester. In the case of originals being removed, one certified copy of the material shall be substituted for the originals, and a second copy shall be maintained by the coordinator in the secure storage room. Attached to the copies shall be a receipt upon which the requester states that he has received the originals or a copy of the attached material, and includes date and signatory blocks to indicate the time the material is returned.

IV. Reproduction Capability

Within the rooms of the Old Executive Office Building in General Services
Administration custody are two Xerox 4000 machines. At optimal capacity these
machines can reproduce 7,200 copies per hour, and to the present date have
proved fully adequate in meeting the reproduction requirements of the
requesting parties. There have been no requests for reproduction of the
materials stored at the National Archives Building and Suitland Federal Records
Center. Each of these facilities has a Xerox machine available for making
reproductions under adequate security.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

November 1, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

WILLIAM E. CASSELMAN

FROM:

Jeanne W. Davis

SUBJECT:

Additional Information on Maintenance of Nixon Files

I attach a copy of my October 28 memorandum to Mr. Buchen which I believe covers many of the questions raised in yesterday's meeting.

In response to the questions concerning security protection, handling of requests for documents and reproduction facilities, the following may be helpful:

Security Arrangements -- This Presidential material is maintained in an alarmed vault. The alarming system is monitored 24 hours a day by the Executive Protective Service, OEOB. Telephone notification is required on opening and closing and a record is made by EPS each time the facility is opened and closed.

Procedures for Handling Requests for Documents -- Requests for copies of documents from this depository, can, in some instances be approved by the Staff Secretary of the National Security Council. Requests for copies of highly sensitive documents would be referred to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs or his deputy for approval.

Reproduction Facilities -- There are reproduction facilities in two locations in the NSC offices in OEOB which are under observation from 7:15 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. These two machines can process up to 1,000 pages a day without adversely affecting on-going government operations.

Attachment

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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October 28, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHILIP BUCHEN

COUNSELOR TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Jeanne W. Davis

SUBJECT:

Maintenance of President Nixon's

Files by NSC

In response to your request, I should like to confirm the arrangements made by the NSC Staff for segregation and maintenance of Presidential material on national security matters for the period January 20, 1969 to August 9, 1974.

The vast bulk of material for this period has been segregated and packed in approximately 300 boxes which are stored in an alarmed vault in Room 205 OEOB. The combination to this vault is held by four NSC Staff employees. In addition, the combination is deposited in a sealed envelope in the White House Situation Room. In the event of an emergency at night or on weekends, the rotating Duty Officers in the Situation Room are authorized access to the combination, if required to obtain an item from the vault. An index of the contents of the boxes is kept in the Situation Room.

The remaining Nixon documents not yet deposited in this vault consist of some extremely sensitive foreign policy material maintained in the immediate offices of Secretary Kissinger, and some of the more recent documents to which we have frequent reference which are maintained in the Situation Room and have not yet been boxed. These documents are, however, carefully segregated and there is no intermingling of Nixon and Ford material.

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The boxing of these documents is continuing and I would anticipate could be completed within the next few weeks. In the interim, the material will remain carefully segregated.

As you know, there are unique aspects to the NSC Presidential material. A great part of it is highly sensitive and carries very high security classifications. For that reason, we believe it essential that it be maintained separately under tight security arrangements with extremely limited access. We would be reluctant to see NSC material co-located with material from other elements of the Executive Office of the President of less substantive sensitivity until such time as it may be transferred to a Presidential library and maintained under professional supervision.

In addition, because of the nature of the foreign policy decisionmaking process, there is a greater need for continuity of action
in this area than in some others. Accordingly, we have frequent
reference to the material in our on-going activities. The more
recent material is, of course, more often needed, and the
requirement for access drops sharply for material from the earlier
years of the Nixon Administration. In our earlier conversations
with Mr. Nesbitt, we had agreed that we could probably rely on
copies of material prior to July 1, 1973 so that the originals could
be transferred to a Presidential library. We would, however, hope
to retain for ready access the originals of the more recent material.
They could also probably be transferred, on a phased basis, to a
Presidential library once one has been established.

I hope this exposition will be helpful to you and your staff in meeting the requirements concerning maintenance of the Nixon documents. We will, of course, be pleased to supply any additional information you may need or otherwise cooperate in this activity.

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DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20223

October 31, 1974

MEMORANDUM TO: Philip W. Buchen

·Counsel to the President

FROM

: H. S. Knight

Director

SUBJECT

: Protection of White House Files and .

Tapes

Pursuant to your request of 10/31/74, the technical security which has been placed on designated rooms within the Old Executive Office Building is as follows.

Room 84:

1. Mosler combination lock on vault door.

Ultrasonic door alarm.

3. Ultrasonic motion detector.

CCTV camera. 4.

Fire alarm system. 5.

Windows are fitted with security screens on the outside and steel bars on the inside.

All of the above alarms read out in the Executive Protective Service Control Center, which is manned 24 hours.

Zone 128:

1. Medeco deadbolt lock, key operated.

2. Alarm on door which activates when opened.

Ultrasonic motion detector.

All of the above alarms read out in the Executive Protective Service Control Center, which is manned 24 hours.

Room 403:

Yale deadbolt lock, key activated. 1.

Alarm switch on door which activates when door is 2. opened.

Ultrasonic motion detector. 3.



All of the above alarms read out in the Executive Protective Service Control Center, which is manned 24 hours.

Room 414:

1. Medeco lock on door, key activated.

2. Door alarm which activates when opened.

3. Ultrasonic motion detector.

All of the above alarms read out in the Executive Protective Service Control Center, which is manned 24 hours.

Room 429:

1. Medeco deadbolt lock on door.

2. Ultrasonic motion detector within the room.

All of the above alarms read out in the Executive Protective Service Control Center, which is manned 24 hours.

Room 522:

1. Combination lock on door.

2. CCTV camera.

3. Alarm on door that activates when opened.

4. Infrared motion detector.

- Windows are fitted with security screens on the inside.
- 6. All materials in this room are stored in security containers with combination locks.

All of the above alarms read out in the Executive Protective Service Control Center, which is manned 24 hours.

Additionally, you requested information concerning methods of gaining access to the above mentioned rooms, and they are as follows.

Rooms 84/522 and Zone 128:

1. A memorandum from Philip W. Buchen, Counsel to the President, indicating his authorization to enter any of these rooms, stating the judicial basis for that entry and the names of the persons authorized to enter, is required.



- 2. DSAIC Dennis T. Brosan or ASAIC John R. Magaw of the Technical Security Division are the two Secret Service personnel authorized to open Rooms 84 and 522 after receiving the above described memorandum. Zone 128 is not on combination and the Counsel to the President has possession of the key. A Secret Service agent escorts at all times.
- 3. An agent remains in Rooms 84 and 522 during the entire visit and will maintain a log listing the action which takes place within the room.
- 4. Note-taking, duplication of records, etc. is controlled by the agent present in accordance with the order issued by Judge Richey.

Rooms 403/414/429:

An access list is maintained in the Executive Protective Service Control Center and those persons appearing on the said list may enter.

Duplication of Tapes:

The facts you requested concerning Secret Service duplicating equipment are:

- 1. The Secret Service has no high-speed duplicating capabilities.
- 2. One set of Crown recording equipment with highest speed capacity of 15" per second.
- One set of Tangburg recording equipment with highest speed capacity of 7-1/2" per second.
- 4. Five sets of Sony TC800B recording equipment with highest speed capacity of 7-1/2" per second. This equipment performs at its highest quality level at a speed of 3-3/4" per second.

The original tapes are recorded at 15/16" per second. A speed of 15" per second, as mentioned in item #1, is 16 times as fast as 15/16ths. A speed of 7-1/2" per second, as mentioned in items #2 and #3, is 8 times as fast as 15/16ths. A speed of 3-3/4" per second, as mentioned in item #3, is 4 times as fast as 15/16ths.

The above described duplicating facts should give you an indication of the amount of time required to copy tapes.

It should also be noted that if duplications are requested in any large quantity, reimbursement for man-hours, tapes and technical equipment should be considered as the Secret Service would not be in a position, budget or manpower-wise, to meet a high volume requirement.

H. S. Knight



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 31, 1974

WHITE HOUSE SECURITY OFFICE

DESCRIPTION OF FILES

The White House Security Office holds the following Nixon Administration files:

Investigative files - containing correspondence, memoranda and notes pertaining thereto. They include:

Potential White House Complex Pass Holders*
Proposed Presidential Appointees
Presidential Guests, including entertainers
and various individuals who may have
had contact with the First Family through
social events, appointments, etc.

Subject files - Departments and agencies of the Federal
Government, White House, Executive Office
of the President, Boards, Commissions;
Security files.

Card Index

ACCESS

All files with the exception of two card index files are located in approved combination-lock safes within a combination-lock vault. The Supervisor of the Security Office and two assistants have access to the vault and all new safes located therein. The vault door is secured with an alarm box switch and the outer office by an ultrasonic alarm system, both monitored by the Executive Protective Service.

REPRODUCTION

Secured office contains a Xerox 4000 Copier



* Includes the following offices:

White House
Council on International Economic Policy
Domestic Council
Military Assistant
National Security Council
Office of Telecommunications Policy
President's Foreign Intelligence Board
Presidential Papers (Archives)
Residence
Other Executive Offices of the President
AT&T
C&P Telephone
GSI (Cafeteria employees)

Council of Economic Advisors (White House pass holders only)
Office of Management and Budget " " " " "
General Services Administration " " " "

OGA (Other Government Agency) pass holders

Former Offices:

Office of Science and Technology Federal Energy Office (when housed here)



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 31, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BILL CASSELMAN

FROM:

JERRY JON

SUBJECT:

RN Materials for Which I Have

Partial Custody

I am involved in the custody procedure for two bits of President Nixon's papers:

1. THE TAPE VAULT - SAFE AREA 128

a. Contents

- -- All tapes turned over by the U.S. Secret Service to the President's representatives except those originals delivered to the court.
- -- All duplicate copies of tapes made by the Counsel's office for production of transcripts and record copies for those originals turned over to the court except two copies in the possession of William Casselman.

b. Security System

- -- The vault has a special lock for which there are only two keys both of which are in my physical possession.
- -- The vault is equipped with a sound and motion sensing device connected to EPS's monitoring system. All entries into the vault are recorded on the EPS computer printout. In addition the boxes in which the tapes are stored are sealed with U.S. Secret Service seals and the door is also sealed in the same manner. No entry can occur without breaking these seals which are irreplaceble and irreparable.



c. Control of Entry

- -- I cannot enter Safe Zone 128 except under the following conditions:
 - 1. written instructions from Phil Buchen requesting an entry.
 - 2. Buchen's memo to me is copied to the U.S. Secret. Service and I am accompanied in all entries by a USSS agent.
 - 3. In the most recent entry, I have been accompanied by a representative of President Nixon's law firm or else this representative has waived his need to enter.

2. ROOM 429 - EOB

a. Contents

- -- RN files kept by Rose Mary Woods filed in boxes marked A M.
- -- Gift Unit and Mail Room Gift records which include now only the domestic gifts received by RN during his tenure in office.
- -- Two xerox copies of RN's foreign gifts received during his tenure in office.

b. Security System

- -- Room is fitted with a special lock and five keys all of which I have in my possession.
- -- Room is also fitted with a sound and motion sensing device which is connected with the EPS monitoring board. All entries are recorded by the EPS computer.

c. Control of Entry

- -- I can enter the room only with written instructions from Phil Buchen or William Casselman as his agent.
- -- When entering, I have entered only in the presence of a representative from Counsel's office and with a representative from Rose Mary Woods' office.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

October 31, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR

WILLIAM CASSELMAN

FROM:

TRUDY FRY Trudy Fry

As requested at this morning's meeting, this is a suggested statement for the Special Files Unit.

Attachment



SPECIAL FILES UNIT

All Nixon Administration papers handled by the Special Files Unit have been boxed, sealed and stored in the vault area and one alarmed upstairs room.

The material stored in the vault is considered to be Presidentially and/or Generally Restricted because of its confidential or sensitive nature. In addition to Special Files material, files of White House staff members mentioned in the Watergate investigations are stored in this vault. Since May 1973 the staff files of the above-described individuals have been under the protection of the United States Secret Service. Since the assignment of the Secret Service access to the Special Files material in the vault area has been limited to the Supervisor of the Special Files Unit and her Assistant accompanied by a Secret Service agent. With regard to the files under Secret Service protection, access has been limited to the individuals whose files are stored there, and all reviews have been made in the presence of a Secret Service agent.

Entrance to the vault area is through an approved Mosler vault door. The vault is equipped with ultrasonic movement detection alarms and an early warning smoke detection system, both of which read out in the Executive Protective Service Control Center. Its windows are fitted with security screens on the outside and steel bars on the inside. Any penetration of the windows would be detected by the ultrasonic motion detectors.

Following the issuance of the temporary restraining order the combination to the vault door was changed and this combination is presently known only to the Special Agent in Charge of the Technical Security Division of the United States Secret Service. The vault is opened only by him or one of his deputies when authority is given by memorandum from Counsel to the President. An individual memo is required for each entry and must state the circumstances making the search necessary; i.e., subpoena, individual's need for access to his files to prepare for testimony in civil or criminal cases.

The access to the upstairs room housing additional Special Files material is limited to the Supervisor of the Special Files Unit or her Assistant accompanied by a Secret Service agent.

In the outer office of the Special Files Unit a Xerox 4000 is available for duplicating purposes when approved.

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Irwin Goldbloom, Esc.

Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
Civil Division
Washington, D. C. 20530

may be described as follows:

Dear Mr. Goldbloom:

In response to your request concerning the nature, location, and custodial arrangements concerning the documents, tapes and other papers, known as the "Presidential materials of the Nixon Administration" (papers) referred to in the Supplemental Order entered by the Honorable Charles R. Richey on October 22, 1974,

I wish to advise you that these papers are held as follows:

I am informed that

I. National Archives: Certain papers are in the custody of the National Archives in Washington, D. C. These papers

The security arrangements made for the care and custody of these papers, as well as the manner of access thereto, are as follows:

2. General Services Administration (GSA): The Presidential Confaint Spapers, in the custody of the General Services Administration of t

in Washington, D. C., are grouped under the following land of allius.

The security arrangements made for the care and custody of these papers, as well as the manner of access thereto, are as follows:

3. National Security Council: (NSC): Presidential papers in acceptable of the National Security are as follows:

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The security arrangements made for the care and custody of these papers, as well as the manner of access thereto are as follows:

4. The White House: A large number of Presidential papers

are located in the White House in various areas. The following

Papers are located in a single room (84):

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5. I am further informed that/President Nixon, as well as his secretary, Miss Rose Mary Woods, have in their possession certain Presidential papers, but I am unable to inform you as to the nature or description of these papers, the location at which they are kept or the method and manner under which they are kept.

Very truly yours,

Philip W. Buchen Counsel to the President

