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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DON RUMSFELD
FROM: DICK CHENEY
SUBJECT: Name Checks on proposed CIA Commission Members

Griswold -- Investigated in 1969, nothing derogatory

Reagan -- Investigated in 1967, nothing derogatory

Lemnitzer -- Nothing in the FBI files; assume his previous military posts have required top ~~secret~~ secret investigation from the National Security people.

Dillon -- Investigated in 1953, 1961 and 1967; nothing derogatory

Edgar Shannon -- Has never been investigated; routine name check shows nothing derogatory

Judge Friendly -- Has never been investigated; routine name check shows nothing derogatory

Alternates

Robert Roosa -- Investigated in 1961; nothing derogatory (was a member of the American Student Union while in college in 1940)

John T. Connor -- No record of a full field investigation; routine name check shows nothing derogatory. He was cleared for Secretary of Commerce in the 1960's.

(quick FBI -
Will run check update -
starting down it free

Will call Phil
A.M. - very interested but have a lot of commitments
Irwin Griswold - for Chairman - Former Solicitor

OK. General Lyman Lemnitzer -

OK. Douglas Dillon - former Sec. Treas.

OK Edgar Shannon - former Pres. Univ. Va. per MARCH

Probably will call -
Judge Henry Friendly - (Sr. Judge) per Areeda

OK John T. Connor - former Sec. Commerce -

OK. Regan - You already called

TALKING POINTS TO PROSPECTIVE COMMISSIONERS

1. The need:

- Find facts about CIA's domestic activities that might possibly violate the statutory proscription against internal security operations.
- To make appropriate recommendations on necessary safeguards or other statutory or administrative reforms.
- To reassure the public that the domestic operations of this secret agency are or will be under control.

2. The request:

- To serve as a member of a 5 or 7 man commission, working part-time and reporting within 3 months.

3. Independence: Complete.

4. Staff:

- Executive Director to be selected by the President with the concurrence of the Chairman.
- Other staff to be selected by the Chairman.

5. Access: Complete. The CIA will be instructed to give the members and their staff complete access to whatever the commission desires.

6. Importance: There is a great need to both:

- Protect the public against improper domestic activities by the CIA.

- Protect the agency's ability to engage in foreign intelligence operations necessary for the national security.

7. Subsequent details.

- (a) FBI security clearance of commissioners. *will be started immediately upon Acceptance.*
- (b) Somebody on the staff will be in touch with the prospective commissioner to discuss with him whether he has taken any public positions on CIA activities that might be troublesome.

Phil Areeda.

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Don --

I am returning to you some working notes in reference to the CIA Commission which you left in the office.

Jack Marsh