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BENTON BECKER

Q. Was the President aware of the fact that Benton Becker was under investigation at the time he went to San Clemente?

A. No, he was not. I doubt if the President even thought about it. In the absence of any information to the contrary, you normally don't assume that someone is under investigation.

I would restate that Becker was a voluntary helper. He was not paid consultant's fees and he was not on the payroll.