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COMMENTS:

Barry,

As we discussed, please note the description of a "privacy" or "back" channel in Dewey Clarridge's A Spy For All Seasons. Admittedly, Clarridge is discussing the mid-1980's but this channel was not mentioned during our agency briefings. Did such a channel exist in 1959-64? How was it used? How did it work? Are any cables sent via this channel recoverable today? As you know, we are particularly interested in any communications to and from Moscow, Mexico City, and JMWAVE.

Information on "back" channels is the subject of our Request for Additional Information and Records No. CIA-13 of November 1, 1996. If you wish, an additional formal request focusing on "back" channels as a broader issue can be sent.

Thanks for your help.

Michelle