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Long to Gebhardt Memo
Re: Alleged tapping of telephone of
U. S. Senator Howard Baker

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Gibson advised that during the course of a normal working day two or three men usually enter and work in the sub-leased SCI space. They stay during the course of an entire day without leaving the space and do not seem to conduct business in a normal manner. An unidentified friend of Gibson's overheard individuals in the space, allegedly leased by DEA, discussing "tapes." Based on the above information and based on Gibson's experience with wiretapping while employed with the Cobb County, Georgia, Sheriff's Office, Gibson believes a wiretapping operation was being conducted in the space allegedly sub-leased by DEA from SCI. (S)(u)

Since it appeared that an ongoing CIA operation was being compromised and that the CIA should be aware, our Atlanta Office contacted [redacted] CIA, Atlanta [CS] (Covert) and informed him of the above on 7/11/74. (S)

On 7/12/74, Gibson furnished the following:

Directly above Suite 1109, rented by SCI at 1028 Connecticut Avenue, is a suite located on the twelfth floor, which is utilized as an efficiency apartment. It is connected to Suite 1109 on the floor below by stairway. Gibson said the twelfth floor space is actually the space sub-leased to Conein and that telephone number 785-4514 is installed in that space. Conein sub-leased this apartment in March, 1974, and was still being used by Conein as of 7/5/74. (S)(u)

Regarding the information above concerning the alleged overhearing of discussions concerning "tapes," by alleged DEA employees, Gibson advised this information was furnished to him by Mr. Steve Van Cleave, a personal friend of Gibson's and a private investigator from Atlanta, Georgia. Van Cleave told Gibson that he visited SCI offices on a recent unrecalled date. Van Cleave was told by Werbell that Van Cleave could not stay in the offices at that time as Werbell was consulting with a client. Van Cleave told Gibson he then went to the twelfth floor entryway to SCI offices, the space sub-leased by Conein, and overheard a conversation through the door. (S)(u)

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