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1 trouble come see you? 2 Mr. Houston. Oh, no, there's a number of times. For 3 instance, I think it was back in the '50's, there's a lot of 4 them, but a couple might illustrate -- in those days we were 5 doing a good deal of political action abroad in the sense of 6 giving guidance to factions in foreign countries that U.S. 7 policy favored in organizing elections. I don't mean in 8 rigging them, but how to get down to the grass roots, the old-9 fashioned political advice on how to run a political campaign. 10 We didn't have many trained officers on this. We had 11 one or two who were excellent and they wanted more, and they 12 came to me with the proposition that -- this was an election year, 13 which one I have forgotten -- that we put officers in both the 14 Republican and Democratic campaign parties to get the practical experience, and I advised -- actually, I went over and talked 15 with Malcolm Wilkie, who was then the legal counsel in the 16 Department of Justice, and this was most ill-advisable, and I 17 went back and they dropped the project. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 TOP SECRET

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2	However, this immediately got us into an internal security
3	and a police function. I told them they had to drop it, and
4	they did. And it's too bad, because nobody else has found a way
5	of doing it, and this information is floating over our heads
6	right now and we cannot use it.
7	Mr. Schwarz. Have there been any instances where you or
8	your office advised the Agency that it should not do something
9	when nevertheless the Agency went ahead and did it?
10	Mr. Houston. I should think I would remember an occasion
11	like that, but I don't.
12	Senator Mondale. Thank you.
13	(Senator Mondale left the hearing room.)
14	Mr. Schwarz. Mr. Houston, with the Senator'absent, you
15	don't have to go ahead.
16	Mr. Houston. Fine, fine.
17	Mr. Schwarz. I'm going to go on to another subject.
18	Does anyone else have anything else about the Robert Kennedy
19	meeting?
20	Mr. Kirbow. I have only one other question, and perhaps
21	more about the leadership of the Agency.
22	Mr. Houston, your reputation over the some twenty-six
23	twenty-eight years you were General Counsel was one of intense
24	loyalty to the Director and the Deputy Director of the Agency.
25	Mr. Houston. That is correct.
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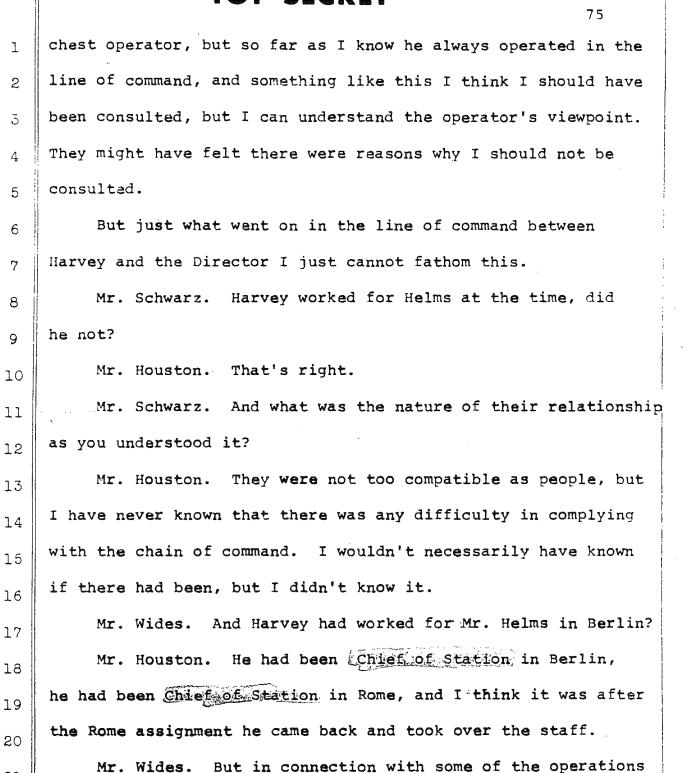
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like the Berlin Tunnel and other intelligence operations he had a pretty close-working relationship with Mr. Helms?

Mr. Houston. They were all in the DDP and certainly anything of the importance of the Berlin Tunnel, they would be

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410 First Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003 WARD & PAUL	1	could you think of anything which would be of benefit to this
	2	Committee that we have not inquired into?
	5	Mr. Houston. The only thing I thought you might ask that
	4	I thought you were going to mention it somewhere, and this is
	5	very vague in my mind, both where I heard it, in what context,
	6	and what the timing of the event was, but I have heard and I am
	7	sure you must have heard of the delivery of a sniper's rifle
	8	to the Embassy in Havanna, which may have been intended for
	9	some sort of assassination attempt.
	10	Mr. Schwarz. The Embassy when we still had an Embassy
	11	there?
	12	Mr. Houston. It was apparently when we still had the
	13	Embassy.
	14	Mr. Kirbow. Was this a couched delivery, covert
	15	delivery, much like the later deliveries into the Dominican
	16	Republic?
	17	Mr. Houston. I think so.
	18	I don't know much about it. I just, through a vague
	19	recollection, I don't know any details or any specifics, it's
	20	one of the things you pick up.
	21	Mr. Kirbow. When would that have been? I am trying to
	22	date when we no longer had an Embassy there.
	23	Mr. Wides. I think wasu
	24	and I believe he left in late 1959.
	25	Mr. Kirbow. Was that about the correct time?
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