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11 January 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SE Division

ATTENTION : Division Security Officer

FROM

SE/X/LA

SUBJECT

: Appearance As Witness In Behalf of the

United States Government

REFERENCE

USA V. Gerald P. Hemming, Et Al. (76-371-CR-CA)

- 1. During the period of my employment as a Special Agent at the Drug Enforcement Administration (May 1971 Jan 1977), I conducted an interview of Gerald Patrick Hemming (DPOB 1 March 1937, at Los Angeles, California) on 23 May 1975 at DEA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. My report concerning that interview has become part of the case file in USA v. Gerald P. Hemming, Et Al., Case Number 76-371-CR-CA, Southern District of Florida, Miami, Florida.
- 2. Upon my entrance on duty in SE Division on 5 January 1977, I orally informed the Division Security Officer, Billy Hix, about the information in paragraph 1 above. Mr. Hix asked me to submit the information in writing as soon as I was settled in the Division. On 7 January 1977, however, Special Agent Robert Fredericks telephonically contacted DC/SE/X/IA, and told her that the United States Attornery, Southern District of Florida, had requested that I appear at the U.S. Courthouse, Miami, Florida on 10 January 1977 to confer with the Assistant United States Attorney, Karen L. Atkinson, regarding my appearance as a witness in behalf of the U.S. Government in the trial of Gerald P. Hemming.
- 3. During the afternoon of 7 January 1977 I conferred with Mr. Hix who advised me to contact the Office of the General Counsel. I talked to Mr. Edmund Cohen who advised me to get in touch with the Office of Security, External Activities Branch (OS/EAB). I completed an Outside Activity Approval Request (Form 879), obtained the concurrence of DC/SE, Mr. John Stein, and submitted the Form 879 to OS/EAB. OS/EAB sent me to Central Cover Staff (Mr. Blandford) and then to the Office of the General Counsel. After discussions with Mr. Cohen, I called

S/A Fredericks in Miami at Mr. Cohen's suggestion. S/A Fredericks was not available. Mr. Cohen then advised me to return to my office and he would contact me with further instructions. Mr. Cohen retained the Form 879. Subsequently, Mr. Cohen advised me that I should travel to Miami as requested and that CIA would reimburse me for expenses connected with my activities in behalf of the U.S. Government. He further advised me that being in an overt cover status I should state, if asked under oath, that I am currently a CIA employee.

4. On 10 January 1977 I traveled to Miami where I met and conferred with AUSA Karen Atkinson and DEA S/A Robert Fredericks. They informed me that Gerald P. Hemming's case had been severed and his trial would not begin on 11 January. AUSA Atkinson told me she wanted me as a rebuttal witness if Gerald P. Hemming presented the defense that he had been working at the direction of DEA. She said they would not call me until and unless that defense was presented. She also said that she felt that any attempt to question me concerning my current place of employment was irrelevent and she would object to any such line of questioning. She said she would only ask me where I was employed at the time I interviewed Hemming. I returned to Washington D.C. the same day.

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FROM:

Edmund Cohen

Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT:

U.S. v. Hemming

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1. On 22 November 1977 the undersigned accompanied by Messrs.
Gary Mattocks and Robert Barteaux, travelled to Miami to confer with
Judge Hoeveler, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas M. Sherouse, U.S. District
Court, Southern District of Florida, about subject case. Messrs. and
Mattocks had dealt with Mr. Hemming while they were employed by the Drug
Enforcement Administration and Mr. Sherouse wanted them available as rebuttal
witnesses. Mr. Barteaux also was sought as a possible rebuttal witness to describe
the Agency's relationship with Mr. Hemming in the event that Hemming raised a
CIA defense.
2. On 23 November Mr. Mr. Barteaux and the undersigned met in
chambers with Judge Hoeveler, Mr. Sherouse, Mr. Roger Howard, law clerk to
Judge Hoeveler, and Mr. Ted Sakowitz, Public Defender for the Southern District
of Florida. Mr. Sherouse decided that Mr. Mattocks would not be required to
testify and he did not attend the meeting. The Judge initially expressed some reluc-
responsibility for his own defense with only limited assistance from the Public
Defender. The Judge insisted that a transcript of the meeting be made but he
promised that the transcript would be sealed and, in fact, would not be transcribed.
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3. The undersigned indicated that the Agency had no interest in the outcome of the case and interposed no objection to the introduction of any relevant information. Our sole concern was to protect Mr and his relationship with CIA both before and after his DEA employment. The Judge was informed that Mr sole connection with Hemming was on 23 May 1975 and that he had no contact with Hemming during any period of Agency employment. The national security consequences of exposure of Mr as well as the career consequences were outlined. In addition, the Judge was informed that Mr. Barteaux was prepared to testify as an overt Agency employee about any relationship between Hemming and CIA.

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	4. Judge Hoeveler asked Mr. Sakowitz to cross-examine Mr. to
	determine whether he had any information which might be relevant to Hemming's
	defense. Mr. Sakowitz stated that although he was aware that Mr. Hemming wished
	to call Mr. as a witness, he was not fully informed of all aspects of the case
	and, therefore, reluctant to question Mr. Thereupon, Judge Hoeveler,
	swore in Mr and proceeded to ask him a series of questions to determine
	whether Mr. interaction with Mr. Hemming had been in any way connected
	with his CIA employment. At the conclusion of this examination the Judge gave
	Mr. Sakowitz a second opportunity to question Mr. and when Mr. Sakowitz
	again declined, he stated that in light of the national security consequences which
	had been brought to his attention he was not inclined to permit questions relating
	to Mr CIA employment.
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	5. At the conclusion of the conference in chambers, but before the jury was
	admitted into the courtroom, Mr. Sherouse informed Mr. Hemming that Mr.
	was available as a witness. When the trial proceeded Mr. Hemming concluded
031	his defense without calling Mr. Mr. Sherouse, however, did call Mr.
	as a reduttar witness. On cross-examination Mr. Hemming asked Mr
	whether he was with CIA. Mr. Sherouse promptly objected to the question, the
	Judge sustained the objection and Mr. Hemming went on to the next question. The
	trial concluded soon afterwards without Mr. Barteaux being called as a witness.
	It was subsequently learned that Mr. Hemming was found guilty as charged.
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