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a. "1965-DD/P Chrono + DDCI"

- Helms' memorandum dated 7 December 1965 describing telephone conversation between Helms and Sullivan re FBI-CIA relations. In particular, the memorandum deals with apparent FBI dissatisfaction over CIA activity in connection with project BOURBON.
- Helms' memorandum for Bill Moyers dated 9 June 1965 enclosing a document describing the Agency's "efforts to do something constructive in the student field on behalf of United States foreign policy." The enclosure is a particularly unusual document in which it is difficult to determine whether Helms is using cryptonyms for the actual names. If he was using cryptonyms, they were poorly chosen and, if not, the document appears to describe domestic involvement in the New York area at a time well in advance of the Ober Project. Among the institutions, organizations and individuals mentioned in the memorandum are Columbia University, Adelphi College, the AFL-CIO, the John Birch Society, and Senators Dodd and Towers.
- A transcription of a 4 May 1965 phone call to Helms from Sargent Shriver with respect to Agency use of Peace Corps personnel in Santo Domingo, Chile.

b. "R. Helms - CHRONO-1966" (Jan-Jun)

None

c. "HELMS DCI Chrono (July-December 1966)"

The only document of interest in this file is a sheet of handwritten notes made by Helms during a meeting with Bill Moyers on 19 December 1966. The document appears to reflect a discussion of the volume of wiretapping done by the FBI and

"Bureau dead for five years

no mail coverage stopped in 64-65
no ~~NSA~~ bag jobs (all embarrassments have been discontinued)"

h. "DCI (Helms) Chrono No. 2 1970"

"MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD" dated 28 July 1970 the subject of which was "Discussion with Attorney General Mitchell on Domestic Intelligence". Helms states that the Attorney General had apparently heard nothing of President Nixon's instructions with respect to domestic intelligence until that morning. Helms adds that Mitchell also appeared to have no knowledge of the 5 June 70 meeting with respect to the Huston Plan which was chaired by the FBI.

i. "HELMS-DCI Chrono 1 - 1970"

None

j. "1971-DCI Chrono Helms"

The only document in this file is a memorandum to _____ from Helms dated 29 October 1971, subject of which was "Don A. Nixon". The first sentence of the memorandum states that "this is the monthly report on subject which you requested". The memorandum goes on to set forth certain information with respect to the President's brother which is attributed to a reliable source.

k. "1972-DCI Chrono Helms"

This file contains a memorandum from Helms to the Deputy Director dated 28 June 1972, the subject of which was "Watergate Affair". The memorandum purports to describe the substance of a phone call from Acting Director Gray in which Helms asked for and received Gray's commitment to

call off the interviews of Karl Wagner and John Caswell. The memorandum also reflects that Helms informed Gray that Dahlberg was not a CIA agent. Helms also reports that he requested that the Bureau confine itself to persons already arrested or under suspicion, and that they desist from expanding their inquiry into other areas that might eventually run afoul of CIA operations.

3. Miscellaneous Files

a. "R. Helms - Memos for Record" (1951-64)

- "Memorandum for Record" dated 24 June 1964, subject of which was "Talk with Chief Justice Earl Warren". This memorandum and several others in close proximity describe meetings between Helms and members and staff of the Warren Commission (including "David Belin of Treasury") with respect to the Commission's use of certain information provided by the Russian defector Nosenko. The group looking into possible CIA connections with the Kennedy assassination may be interested in reading these documents although they appear to me to raise no significant questions.

b. "R. Helms - 1965 - Memos for Record (1965-1972)"

There appear to be no significant documents in this file but it should be noted that while there are numerous memoranda for the record in the earlier years, there is only one document for 1972. In that document, during a meeting with Helms in early 1972, John Ehrlichman expresses concern that Henry Kissinger is copying classified documents apparently for use in his writing when and if he returns to the academic life.

c. "President - 1967-68"

None

d. "R.H. - Notes of Mtgs with Pres., HAK, PFIAB 1971-72"

- A document dated 29 November 1972 entitled, "Chairman Mehon" which appears to be a handwritten agenda of a meeting attended by Helms. In addition to a variety of topics relating to foreign affairs, other matters discussed were "Watergate" and "SALT monitoring".
- Helms' handwritten notes of a meeting with Pat Gray on 18 October 1972, including the following notations
 - "1. What material provided by CIA was turned over to the U.S. Attorney?"
 - "2. Do you wish to review our submission to the U.S. Attorney?"
 - "3. Let us coordinate our approaches to the trial. Neither wants to be caught by surprise. Please check with us if you feel obliged to release any 'additional' information".
- Helms' handwritten notes of a meeting with Kleindienst on 24(sic)/10/72 which includes the following notations"
 - "1. Challenge re CIA implication by defendants (as outlined in Warner's memo para 2)".
 - "2. - CIA will testify if essential to head off allegations of CIA involvement".
 - "3. (ground rules to be established re handling of CIA materials by U.S. Attorney) (confined to Assistant U.S. Attorney in charge of case)".

~~Handwritten notes of a meeting with George Meany on April 4, 1972, in which it appears Helms attempted to enlist the support of AFL-CIO in various projects.~~