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#### July 14, 1975

Mr. Walter Elder Central Intelligence Agency Headquarters Langley, Virginia

Dear Mr. Elder:

This will confirm the request I made on behalf of Mr. Schwarz in our telephone conversation this morning for copies of any reference in appointment books, daily diaries, calendars, logs or similar records relating to the following meetings, and any memoranda of conversation or other record thereof:

- Meetings between Richard Helms and Robert Kennedy in the periods

   a) November 30, 1961 November 1, 1962
   b) August 1, 1963 November 22, 1963
- 2. Richard Helms' meeting with President Johnson regarding the three CIA Inspector General Reports
- 3. Meetings between Richard Bissell, McGeorge Bundy and W. W. Rostow in the period November 5, 1960 through February 15, 1961.

In addition, please provide a copy of any reference in appointment books, daily diaries, calendars or logs which relate to meetings among Messrs. Dulles, Bissell, Edwards or Cabell in the period August 1, 1960 through November 30, 1960, and any memoranda of conversation or other record of such meetings.

As we discussed, this information is needed for the hearings that are scheduled for Thursday, July 17. We will appreciate your efforts to supply this information before that date.

Sincerely,

#### Robert Kelley

Via Courier

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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Review Staff: 75/1616 16 July 1975

Mr. Frederick A. O. Schwarz, Jr. Chief Counsel Select Committee To Study Governmental Operations With Respect To Intelligence Activities Room G-308 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

In response to your request of 14 July 1975 about records of meetings by Agency officials (and confirming my telephone conversation with Mr. Kelley), the attached information is forwarded for your information.

Sincerely,

Woot Elder Walter Elder

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#### 16 July 1975

SUBJECT: Mr. Schwarz's 14 July 1975 request for information concerning meetings between Mr. Helms and Robert Kennedy, between Mr. Bissell and Mr. Bundy or Mr. Rostow, and a four-party meeting involving Mr. Dulles, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bissell, and Mr. Edwards.

#### **RESPONSE:**

1. Concerning meetings involving Mr. Helms and Robert Kennedy during the periods 30 November 1961 - 1 November 1962 and August 1963 -22 November 1963:

Our review for the above dates of memorandums of records written by Mr. Helms during the period 1951-1964 yield the following records which are attached at Tab 1:

Date	Subject	Comment
<b>23</b> January 1962	"Briefing of the Attorney General" /	Memo on briefing of Attorney General by Mr. Helms and three other Agency officials prior to a round-the-world trip taken by the Attorney General.
<b>30</b> January 1962	CIA Officer	Memo of conversation between Mr. Helms and Attorney General.
<b>16</b> October 1962	"Mr. Hoover and AELADLE"	Memo of Conversation between Mr. Helms and Mr. Papich in which Mr. Helms refers to an undated discussion with the Attorney General.
16 October 1962	"MONGOOSE Meeting with the Attorney General"	Memo on a meeting in Attorney General's office attended by the Attorney General, General Lansdale, Col. Patchell, General Johnson, Robert Hurwitch, Hewson Ryan, and Mr. Helms.
22 August 1963 FROM	"The Dunlop Case"	Memo on briefing of Attorney General on Dunlop case by Mr. Helms.
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29 October 1963

'Meeting of the NSC Executive Committee re 28 August 1963"

President, the Vice President, South Vietnam-6:15 p.m., representatives of State, Defense, Treasury, Justice (Robert Kennedy), USIA, White House Staff, and CIA (Carter and Helms).

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Attorney General, and partipants from State, Defense, White House Staff, and CIA (Messrs. McCone, Helms, and

President, Vice President,

above.

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Memo on meeting attended by

'Meeting of the NSC Executive Committee re South Vietnam -Noon, 29 August 1963"

"White House Meeting on Vietnam-4:20 p.m., 29 October 1963"

20 November 1963

"Cuban Arms Cache in Venezuela"

Memo on separate briefings of the Attorney General and the President on Cuban Arms Cache by Mr. Helms and the former Deputy Chief of Station in Caracas.

2. Concerning a four-party meeting involving Messrs. Dulles, Cabell, Bissell, and Edwards at some time during the period 1 August 1960 - 30 November 1960:

Mr. Dulles' calendar bears an entry for 25 November 1960 showing that his schedule for that day included a budget meeting with the DDCI (then Gen. Cabell) the DDP (then Mr. Bissell) and the DDS (then Col. White). (See Tab 2). There is no entry for a four-party meeting involving Edwards during that period.

3. Concerning any meetings between Mr. Bissell and Mr. Bundy or Mr. Rostow between 5 November 1960 - 15 February 1961:

We have been unable to locate any record of such meetings.

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#### HENCHANNY FOR: The Mirector of Central Intalligence

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#### Dristing of the Attorney General

1. The Attorney Ceneral was briefed for cixty minutes this morning in preparation for his trip. Hr. FitzGerald covered Japan and Indenesia, Hr. Critchfield spoke on Iron, and Hr. Enryly briefed on Berlin.

2. Pursuant to your request, I acked the Attorney General if be had an opportunity to discuss with the Secretary of State the possibility of a stopover in Isluan. He said that he had raised this matter and that it had been dooided that he should push on with his voyage and not stop in Imipei.

3. I gave the Attorney General photographs and biographical ekstohes of our Station Chicfs in Tokyo, Taipai, Hong Hong, Djakarta, Taharan, Hone, Berlin, and The Hagun. He said that he would make an effort to see our ponior representative in each stop he noises and asked that appointments to see him be made through his Special Assistant, Hr. John Seignatualer, who will be traveling with him. I are semiing a cable to the field covering these context instructions.

he file briefing seemed to go extinisotorily, we ensured the questions which appeared to interest the Attorney Constal, and we are seeking him the report on Commist China derived from the documents ceptured abroad. He indicated a perticular interest in ceeing this paper.

> Richard Helms Chief of Operations, DD/P

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#### SUBJECT: CIA Officer

I spoke with the Attorney General on 30 January 1962 and told him that we planned to worsen the CIACONCITION along the lines set forth in cable. He asked if this would make the / so sick that he would not be fit to travel if released. I told him that this would not be the case, that what we wanted to do was to make him look peaked rather than be the healthy, robust-looking man he is now. The Attorney General inquired if we thought this would do some good. I replied that high Indonesian authorities have become very concerned when the ulcers first developed last fall and that they had overruled the doctors in insisting that the /be then to Bandung for hospitalization in a cooler climate. I surmarized by sating that I could not see how it could do any harm and right do some good. At this point, the Attorney General agreed that we should go ahead.

Richard Helms Chief of Operations, DD/P

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16 October 1962

#### MENORANDIM FOR THE RECORD

#### SUBJECT: Mr. Hoover and AELADIE

1. Mr. Sam Papich, FBI Liaison representative, came to see me at 5:15 P. M., 15 October. He referred to the telephone call which the Director had placed to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover but which was taken by Mr. Balmont in Mr. Hoover's absence from the city. Mr. Papich said that the Director's request that Mr. Hoover see AELADIN had been taken up with him upon his return. Mr. Papich stated that Mr. Hoover's answer was "Mo".

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2. In explanation, Mr. Papich indicated that Mr. Hoover felt that AZLIDES wanted to see him simply on the basis of ego and that there was no useful information to derive from such an encounter. I pointed out to Mr. Papich that the last time the Attorney General car AXLIDES, he explasized to me that one should play up to the ego of an individual such as AZLADES. This rejoinder simply caused Mr. Papich to sails.

3. Mr. Papich ended this part of our meeting by saying that Mr. Hoover was consistent in his policy not to receive defectors, Agents, criminals, or other controversial figures. I told Hr. Papich that Mr. Hoover's refusal clearly had implications as for as AELANE's cooperation with the FBI is concerned. Mr. Papich said he realized this.

> Richard Helms Deputy Director (Plans)

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16 October 1962

#### HENDELHOUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NORCOSS Meeting with the Attorney General

1. At 2:30 this afternoon, the Attorney Ceneral convened in his office a meeting on Operation MONDOUSE consisting of General Lansdale and Colonel Patchell, General Johnson of the Joint Staff, Robert Hursitch of State (vice Ed Martin who was unable to attend), Hesson Ryan of USIA, and the undersigned.

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2. The Attorney General opened the meeting by expressing the "general dissatisfaction of the President" with Operation MONOUOSE. He pointed out that the Uperation had been under my for a year, that the results were discouraging, that there had been no acts of sabotage, and that even the one which had been attempted had failed twice. He indicated that there had been noticeable improvement during the year in the collection of intelligence but that other actions had failed to inflaence significantly the course of events in Cuba. He spoke of the weekly meetings of top officials on this problem and again noted the small accomplianents despite the fact that Secretaries Rosk and McNezara, General Taylor, McGeorge Bundy, and he personally had all been charged by the President with finding a colution. He traced the history of General Lanceale's personal appointment by the President a year ago. The Attorney General then stated that in view of this lack of progress, he was going to give Operation HOMODEE core personal attention. In order to do this, he will hold a meeting every corning at 0930 with the MONEOOSE operational resuresentatives from the various agencies (Lansdale, Harvey, Eurwitch, Ayan, and Ceneral Joimson).

3. The littorney General spoke inversbly of the sabotage paper which had been presented by General Carter this sorning to the neeting of the Special Group (Augmented). He obviously did not like the earlier neworandum, since he falt it showed no "push" in getting on with the acts of sabotage.

L. When asked for my comments, I stated that we were precared to get on with the new action program and that we would expende it aggressively. I pointed out, however, that the objective of Operation HORCOSE would have to be determined at some point since the Cubans

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with when we have to work were seeking a reason for risking their lives in these operations. I retailed my conversation with the young Guban from the DRS who pointed out that they were willing to commit their people only on operations which they regarded as sensible. I defined "censible" in Suban terminology these days as meaning on action which would contribute to the liberation of their country, another way of maying that the United States, perhaps in conjunction with other latin countries, would bail them out militarily. My point was specifically echoed by Herson Myan. The Attonney General's rejoinder was a plea for new ideas of things that could be done against Onba. In passing, he made reference to the change in atmosphere in the United States Government during the last twenty-four hours, and asked some questions about the percentage of Gubans when we thought would fight for the regime if the country were invaded.

5. The meeting concluded with the realfirmation by the Attorney General of his desire to hold a meeting each day, beginning tomorrow. He said that these meetings might later be changed to every other day when and if he finds a daily get-together is not necessary. The meetings are to last no more than one-half hour.

> Richard Helms Deputy Director (Plans)

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22 August 1963

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The Dunlop case

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, I briefed the Attorney General at 10:15 A. M. today on the Dunlop case at NSA. The information I had as of that time consisted only of the following: that the man had been under suspicion, that he had committed suicide some weeks ago, and that on 21 August his widow had turned over to CIC of the Army certain classified documents which she had found in the attic of her house. These documents were not identified.

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Richard Helms Deputy Director (Plans)

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28 August 1963

#### MENDRAND POR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of the MEC Executive Committee re South Viet Nam -6:15 P. M., 23 August 1963

1. The President came from his meeting with the Civil Pights leaders in the Cabinet Room to his office and surposed into the Cabinet Room the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs. The other members of the Executive Constituted remained in his office. After about fifteen minutes, the President returned to his office with these three gentlemen, giving no indication as to what aspects of the South Viet Nam situation they had been discussing. Is simply announced that three telegrams were being sent to Saigon:

- A) A personal message to Ambassador Lodge from the President. (No. 269)
- B) A general message from the Department of State to the Andessedor. (Deptel 260)
- C) A telegram from General Taylor to General Maridins. (JCS 3385-63)

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2. Governor Harrison pressed for stronger instructions designed to remove the Muis from the SVN Covernment. The President indicated that he wanted to get Washington and the field lined up on a coordinated approach to the problem and that in light of a message from Coneral Hardne he wanted to proceed as outlined in the aforementioned ressages. He ended the meeting by stating that the Executive Committee would meet again at non, 29 August.

\* President, Vice President State: Rusk, Harrigan, Hilsman, Nolting Defense: Molazara, Gilpátric, Taylor, Krulakk Treasury: Dillon Justica: Robert Kernedy WIA: Marrow Distribution: DECI - Mr. Elder for the DCI C/?E White House: Bundy, Forrestal, Clifton, Srith

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1. The meeting had before it Saigon Erffel 375 from Arbassador Lodge and MACV cabla 1566 from General Harkins, as well as CIA reports of the Conein/ /CIA Officer Sith Generals Minh/Thiam and another CIA /Officer Sith Bui Elem and General La /an Kim.

2. There was again what has become the usual presentation by the various participants as to the desirability of a cuick coup against Dies/ Hu, the effort to save Dien but unload Whu, and the deliberate approach of attempting to ascertain whether or not the SVN generals have a coup plan and the capabilities for carrying it out. It gradually became the sense of the group that General Harkins should be instructed to confirm to the 573 generals that the approaches from CIA were bona files and represented the view of the United States Coverments. Is additions it was felt desirable to attempt to find out through Consin's talk with Ceneral Kin, scheduled for 30 August (Saigon time), what the STN generals were in fact planning to do. General Taylor felt strongly that Ceneral Hardins should be asked to pass on whatever the generals proposed as to its military feasibility. He wanted to be sure before other actions are taken that a coup is actually lined up. There was concern that the SVN generals were maneuvering to get the United States to do their planning for them. and the consensus appeared to be that every effort should be made to see that this is an SVN coup and not one run by the Americans. It was falt that any announcements about the storoing of United States aid or the leading of 7th Fleet movements should be held up tending more information about STN coup planning. It was agreed that the Agency would discuss with Mr. Hilsman certain ideas which we might implement to either get a com started or help carry it out. (Flars are now being developed and will be discussed with State late today.)

3. A telegram giving the sense of the meeting was to be drafted by the White House Staff for Presidential approval.

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August 29, 1963

#### AGENDA

Meeting with the President on Vietnam

August 29, 1963 -- 12:00 P.M.

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- 1. Policy -- Ambassador Lodge's reply
- 2. Defense -- General Harkins' reply
- 3. Intelligence -- CAS cable
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#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE FECCED

SUBJECT:

White House Neeting on Vietnam 4:20 P.M., 29 October 1963

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PARTICIPANTS: The Vice

The President Vice President Attorney General

State

Secretary Rusk Under Secretary Harrison Under Secretary Johnson Mr. Mendenhall

Defense

Secretary MoHamara General Taylor General Krulak Mr. William Bundy

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Mr. McGeorge Bundy Mr. Michael Forrestal Mr. Bromley Smith

CIA

Mr. John A. Helone Mr. Richard Helms Mr. William E. Colby

1. The meeting opened with a CIA briefing on the disposition of military forces in the Saigon area and a discussion of the different coup groupings active in Vietnam. The President directed that a message be sent to Saigon presenting the specifics of this briefing for the concurrence or comment of Ambassador Lodge and General Hardins, as the figures indicated that any coup attempt in Saigon would meet considerable UVN resistance.

2. Secretary Rusk convented that Diam and Man must know a good deal about the coup talk and that both sides in a coup would be apt to ask the United States for assistance. We would have the problem of being silent or taking a position against prolonged fighting leading to a possible civil war. He pointed out that civil war



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would disrupt the conduct of military operations against the VC. He believed we should minimize our involvement in this coup and allow Ancessedor Lodge to return on schedule. The President commented that Ancessedor Lodge's departure need not be delayed but that General Harkins should be placed in charge if any coup should begin. He and General Taylor commented that the problem was not an overall belance of forces but that the role of few leaders would be decisive in a coup situation. It was suggested that General Harkins, Charge d'Affaires Trueheart and CAS chief — act as a committee to direct any coup operation. Hr. McCone countered with the view that CAS chief — should not be involved in such a policy-making function although he would be in a position to provide technical advice to Ceneral Harkins and Trueheart as well as carry out their instructions in the operational field.

3. The Attorney Ceneral commented that a coup in Vietnam was not one in which the United States could take a hands-off position since we were involved in the success or failure of the war there. He expressed concern that the present course of action was putting the whole future in the hands of relatively unknown generals. He pointed out that President Diam was a fighter and would probably react most sharply and udvermely to the United States. He stated that we should know more about this coup and that failure could spell disaster. He falt that the United States was risking too much based on flipsy evidence.

4. General Taylor commented that his impression was that the military were not interested in politics but only in getting on with the war. He added that even a successful coup would have a bad shorttora effect on the war since the confusion and changes of personnel such as province chiefs would lead to a setback. Mr. McCone stated that he agreed with General Taylor that even a successful coup would create a period of interregnum and confusion which might only be solved by a second or third coup. The President questioned whether such vide changes in province chiefs would necessarily have to follow a successful coup. Secretary Rusk stated his belief that a quick, successful coup would bring better leadership to Vietnam. Governor Marrizan stated his belief that unless a change in government was brought about, the war will run down and be lost since Diem does not have the leadership qualities necessary to carry the country to victory.

5. The President stated that if the forces in Saigon were not clearly in favor of the coup, we should discourage its launching. He asked that we list the key units and our estimate of their

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loyalties and if the balance was not clearly indicative of a cuick victory, we should reconsider. In this connection he agreed that Arbassador Lodge might delay his departure from Caigon long enough to make such an investigation. Secretary McNamara stated Ambassador Lodge would read this as a change in his basic instructions and in his belief that up to now we would support or at least keep hands off a comp. He commented that Ambassador Lodge will have some difficulties in passing over the leadership of the coup effort to General Rarkins since General Harkins has been brought very little into recent planning and discussions. He usked that Arbassador Lodge be given the option as to when he would depart. Secretary Busk reiterated the basis criteria for United States action, i. e., that we would not stimulate a cowo but that we would not thwart one if it offered the prospect of increased military effort in the war, popular support and improved working relations with the United States. The President agreed that Andessador Lodge should detersine his own decarture time.

6. After a separate drafting session, the meeting resured to go over a draft telegram with the President. He directed a number of changes, particularly to bring out his belief that what we say to the generals could be highly decisive as to whether they hunch a comp and that this action is not entirely out of our hands. Secondly, he wanted to emphasize that the burden of proof must be on the comp forces and whether they have the strength to win quickly. If not, we should discourage them. Mr. Bundy expressed concern regarding the security of these meetings on Vietnam and the absolute importance of keeping these discussions secret. He further directed that any policy telegrams from any Agency be cleared with the White House and that the Mhite House be given a copy of operational traffic which might in any way indicate policy judgemts.

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(Signed) Richard Helms

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20 November 1963

#### MEMORALDUM FOR THE RECORD

#### SUBJECT: Cuban Arms Cache in Venezuela

the former · Deputy 1. At 5:00 P. M., 19 November, Chief of Station in Caracas, and I called on the Attorney General to show him one of the submachine guns which had been retrieved from the arms cache found by the Venezuelan authorities in early November on the Paraguana Peninsula of Verezuela. Last week, the Attorney General had told me that it would be most useful if the Agency were to produce some gun or other piece of military equipment which had actually been sent from Cuba to another country in Latin America. Therefore, we briefed the Attorney General in detail on the material in the cache and the means by which we had been able to demonstrate that the origin of the arms was Cuban. He examined the submachine gun and the supporting photographs which show serial numbers and the Cuban Army shield. While we were talking with the Attorney General, he took a telephone call in another room. Upon his return, he said that he had been speaking with the President and that we were to go to the White House within thirty minutes to show this gun to him.

2. The President was briefed on the origins of the submachine gun and on the methods used to establish that it had come from Suba. We also described in detail what was found in the arms cache and the purposes for which the materiel was intended. We referred to the fact that mortar shells had been found wrapped in the unique air-drop gear which the Agency had devised for use at the Eay of Pigs. The Fresident inquired about how the military equipment had been transported to Venezuela, our reply being that we believed it had been by boat since a small aluminum craft with an outboard notor had been found three hundred yards from the actual cache site. We then pointed out that President Betancourt desired to surface the finding of the Cuban arms cache at a time of his choosing prior to the Venezuelah presidential election on 1 December. The President agreed that President Retancourt should be given this coportunity. He further stated that the United States Government should to nothing about surfacing its interest in these arms until a decision has been made on what steps the United States wants to take in retaliation against Castro. He gave no suggestions as to what line of action he desired to pursue but made it clear that he would expect some recommendations to be forthcoming after the matter had been fully considered by appropriate agencies. We

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informed him that the problem was already being worked on by Alaris Johnson, Paul Nitza, and representatives of this Agency. I specifically cleared with the President showing the submachine gun and other evidence to interested officials of State and Defense.

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3. It was clear that both the President and the Attorney General were intensely interested in this concrete example of Castro's export of arms for subversion. There was no opportunity with either gentleman to give a detailed briefing on other evidence of Castro subversive activity in Central and South America.

(Signed) Richard Val-

Richard Helms Deputy Director (Plans)

(A briefing of Acting Secretary of State Alexis Johnson and Assistant Secretary Edwin Martin plus Mr. Mitze and other Pentagon officials is scheduled for 2:30 P. M. today.)

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When the meeting ended, the President arose from his rocking chair and stood beside the coffee table looking toward the Rose Garden. I leaned over and picked up the submachine gun from the coffee table. As I did so, I said to the President on the spur of the noment, "I am glad the Secret Service did not catch me bringing this gun in here." The President's face lighted up, he grinned, and instantly reacted, "Yes, it gives me a feeling of confidence." The former and I then went out one of the French doors on to the portice and walked around to the Cahinet Room where we had left a briefcase. As we walked down the hall, we saw the President again signing mail at the corner of Mrs. Lincoln's desk. He had interrupted work on his correspondence to take us into his office for the conversation.

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