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1. HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA) INVESTIGATORS DESIRE INTERVIEW MATTHEW S. BEIGNEU⁽¹⁾ DURING THEIR VISIT WEEK OF 7 AUGUST⁽²⁾ 1978. INTERVIEW WILL CENTER ON BEIGNEU'S⁽¹⁾ ROLE AS ONE OF AMMUG-1'S CASE OFFICERS AND WILL BE CONDUCTED USING IDEN⁽³⁾ REGISTERED ALIAS. POUCHING BY SPLIT TRANSMISSION REGISTERED ALIAS FORMS TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO HQS ASAP.

2. GROUND RULES FOR HSCA INTERVIEW:

A. BEIGNEU⁽¹⁾ SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT HE IS NOT OBLIGATED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS WHICH HE CONSIDERS MAY INCRIMINATE HIMSELF. FURTHER, BEIGNEU⁽¹⁾ SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT HE IS ENTITLED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY LEGAL COUNSEL OF HIS CHOICE DURING THE INTERVIEW, THOUGH HE WOULD PERSONALLY BEAR ANY EXPENSE INVOLVED IN DOING SO. LEGAL REPRESENTATION CAN BE PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES, THOUGH JUSTICE MAKES THE FINAL DETERMINATION WHETHER TO DO SO. SUCH INSTANCES HAVE BEEN QUITE INFREQUENT TO DATE.

B. BEIGNEU⁽¹⁾ IS RELIEVED OF OBLIGATIONS OF SECRECY AGREEMENT FOR PURPOSE OF PROVIDING HSCA CLASSIFIED INFORMATION IN RESPONSE THEIR QUESTIONS. HSCA CHARTER IS LIMITED TO ASSASSINATION PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. WE EXPECT QUESTIONING TO BE WHAT AMMUG⁽²⁾ MIGHT HAVE KNOWN ABOUT POSSIBLE CUBAN INVOLVEMENT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AND WHAT WE ASKED AMMUG⁽²⁾ ABOUT IT. OTHER OPERATIONAL USES WHICH WE MADE OF AMMUG⁽²⁾ INCLUDING PROVISION OF ALIAS DOCUMENTATION, TRAVEL AND CONTACTS WHILE HE IN ACTIVE STATUS WITH CIA IS OUTSIDE LEGITIMATE SCOPE OF HSCA MANDATE.

C. BEIGNEU⁽¹⁾ SHOULD RESPOND FORTHRIGHTLY AND HONESTLY TO QUESTIONS POSED. IF THERE ANY DOUBT IN BEIGNEU'S⁽¹⁾ MIND AS TO LEGITIMACY OF QUESTION HE SHOULD DEFER ANSWERING AND INFORM INTERVIEWER THAT HE WISHES CONSULT WITH HQS BEFORE ANSWERING QUESTION. PLEASE AVOID SPECULATION WHICH MIGHT BE MISCONSTRUED AS

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FACT. IF ANSWER TO QUESTION IS NOT RECALLED OR UNKNOWN IT BETTER TO
SO STATE RATHER THAN CONJECTURE.

D. THE DCI'S OBLIGATION TO PROTECT SOURCES AND METHODS OUTSIDE
THE SCOPE OF THE HSCA INVESTIGATION REMAINS A STATUTORY
RESPONSIBILITY. IF RELEVANCE OF A QUESTION APPEARS DOUBTFUL TO
BEIGNEU⁽¹⁾ AND TO INVOLVE SOURCES AND METHODS
OUTSIDE HSCA MANDATE, HE SHOULD
NOT REFUSE TO ANSWER ON GROUNDS OF IRRELEVANCE BECAUSE HSCA IS SOLE
JUDGE OF RELEVANCE. AGAIN,, BEIGNEU⁽¹⁾ MAY TELL INTERVIEWER THAT HE WISHES
DEFER RESPONDING TO QUESTION UNTIL HE CAN CONSULT WITH HQS. PLEASE
CABLE QUESTION AND PROPOSED ANSWER IMMEDIATE NIACT FOR HQS APPROVAL
AND/OR COMMENTS.

3. HSCA INVESTIGATOR WILL SHOW BEIGNEU⁽¹⁾ LETTER FROM DDCI TO
HSCA CHAIRMAN, AGREEING TO WAIVER OF SECRECY AGREEMENT FOR PURPOSE
INVESTIGATION KENNEDY AND KING ASSASSINATIONS.

4. PLS ADVISE IMMEDIATE IF THERE ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE
CONCERNING INTERVIEW OR OTHER ISSUES RE HSCA VISIT.

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