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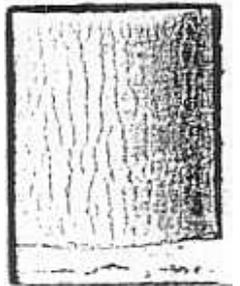
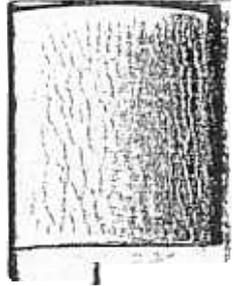


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Bob -

Here's the brief  
"mem-con" (as they  
say in the Bureau)  
which you requested  
to help get things  
rolling on the  
pentathlon affair.

John



# Memorandum



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| Subject<br><br>Meeting With Robert G. Marbut | Date<br><br>July 9, 1982 |
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To The Files From John Roberts

Robert G. Marbut, President and Chief Executive Officer of Harte Hanks Communications, Inc., of San Antonio, met with Ken Starr and John Roberts on June 30 to discuss corruption in the Army's pentathlon program, run out of Fort Sam Houston in Texas. Mr. Marbut's interest, which appears to be quite sincere, arose out of his son's involvement as a contestant in the pentathlon. According to Mr. Marbut, an internal Army CID investigation of corruption in the pentathlon program, costing over \$2 million, resulted in a 10,000 page report, issued in September 1981, detailing 104 counts of mail fraud, larceny, and illegal gifts. The Army's John McGuire directed the investigation. Mr. Marbut gave one example of a corrupt transaction, which he maintained was typical of the counts substantiated in the CID report. According to Mr. Marbut, a \$20,000 pentathlon horse was donated to the Army pentathlon team by [REDACTED]. Army officials, however, arranged for the horse to be auctioned on the cheap to an army official in charge of the pentathlon program, and it was never used by the pentathlon team. This instance and others like it were, according to Mr. Marbut, the subject of several press stories at the time, and were covered on the NBC "Sports World" television program.

The new U.S. Attorney in San Antonio, Ed Prado, received the Army's CID report, but declined prosecution. Mr. Marbut seemed particularly concerned that Mr. Prado was not even present at the entire meeting when the charges were discussed, and that John McGuire, the CID investigator most familiar with the case, was not even invited to attend. Mr. Marbut fears that Mr. Prado's decision not to prosecute may have been based on inexperience rather than a careful evaluation of what Marbut considers clear and documented violations of the law. Marbut raised these concerns with Prado on December 31, 1981, but was not satisfied with Prado's responses.

Marbut, a member of the Board of Directors of Associated Press, indicates that the matter will come up in the press, particularly as the Olympics approach. He thinks the matter could reflect adversely on the U.S. Attorneys office in San Antonio and the Justice Department, because of the clear

evidence of corruption in the pentathlon program, and the unwillingness of the Department of Justice to undertake any prosecution. Marbut notes that internal army discipline was scant.