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MEMORANDUM FOR: (Philip F. Fendig)⁰³
Special Assistant to the Deputy Director
for Operations for External Oversight

FROM : George T. Kalaris
Chief, Counterintelligence Staff

SUBJECT : Damage Assessment of Documents Passed to
the House Select Committee on Intelligence
(Pike Committee)

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum of 29 November 1976

1. Of the five documents attached to reference memorandum, two do not concern CI Staff (see Tab A). The remaining three documents (see Tab B) are as follows:

a. OIG Survey of the Office of Security, Annex II, Project SGLATERAL/HGLINGUAL, 22 September 1975.

b. Memorandum for Mr. Colby, dated 21 May 1973; subject: Potential Flap Activities. This memorandum is an attachment to a Memorandum for Mr. John Dempsey, dated 23 November 1976; subject: Damage Assessment on Material Passed to HSC.

c. List of HSC [sic - CIA] Material Reviewed at Headquarters (undated).

2. None of these documents contains information pertaining to presently active CI Staff operations; however, with the exception of the mail intercept program covered in detail by the Rockefeller Commission in June 1975 and by the Senate Select Committee in April 1976, there are references to past CI activities which, if in the hands of unauthorized persons, could be used by elements hostile to CIA to cause further embarrassment to this Agency, its personnel, and its foreign contacts, as well as playing into the hands of foreign intelligence services and communist parties, thus weakening further the effectiveness of the Agency's clandestine service. Specific comments are contained in a Damage Assessment Report attached to each of the three documents under Tab B.

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3. Because representatives of the House Select Committee were apparently allowed unrestricted as well as unsupervised access to CIA material here in Headquarters, and because a great quantity of information, not all suitably sanitized, was turned over to the House Select Committee, it must be assumed that such material once out of the Agency's control has been compromised. There is no way of knowing how many unauthorized persons had access to CIA material, how many copies were made of this material, how many or who received such material, etc. The subsequent publication by the Village Voice on the 16th and 23rd of February 1976 of the first two sections of the "Pike Committee Report" indicates that security within the House Select Committee left something to be desired.

George T. Kalaris

Attachments:
As stated

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29 November 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chiefs of All Divisions and Certain Staffs

FROM : (Philip F. Fendig)⁰³
Special Assistant to the Deputy Director
of Operations for External Oversight

SUBJECT : Damage Assessment of Documents Passed to
the House Select Committee on Intelligence
(Pike Committee)

1. The DDCI has approved the creation of an Agency-wide task force to conduct a damage assessment of classified documents and/or information which was furnished to the now defunct House Select Committee on Intelligence (HSC). A copy of the Director of Security's memo, approved by the DDCI, outlining the rationale for the damage assessment is attached (Att. A).

2. SA/DO/O and CI Staff represented the Directorate of Operation on the task force which is chaired by the Office of Security. The procedure decided upon was to have the Review Staff Registry make copies for each Directorate of the documents furnished to the HSC. SA/DO/O received the DO copies and has reviewed them and designated responsibility for the damage assessment to appropriate DO components for each document. Addressees will be required to complete a damage assessment report and furnish it to SA/DO/O for transmittal to the task force. Damage assessment reports are required only on those documents which the component determines have caused damage to current, on-going activities or personnel.

3. We have been instructed for the purpose of this exercise, to consider every document provided to the HSC as compromised and to examine each document primarily in terms of damage to "current Agency sources and/or current Agency projects or operations." The Damage Assessment Report will consist of four parts:

- a. Identifying data on the document;
- b. A general or summary statement relative to the problems and damage resulting from the compromise of the document;
- c. Specific identification of the damaging statements by page, paragraph and line - indicating the nature of the damage; and

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d. Action planned or taken to mitigate the damage caused by the compromise of the document.

A suggested format for the Damage Assessment Report is attached (Att. B).

4. In reviewing the documents provided by the Review Staff Registry, SA/DO/O eliminated those of primary concern to other Directorates; however, some documents originated by other Directorates which appeared to have a bearing on DO activities or personnel were assigned for assessment to an appropriate DO component. Clearly, if the DO component receiving a non-DO document does not consider it damaging to its activities or personnel, it may be disregarded.

5. Some documents cut across component lines - the receiving component should coordinate the Damage Assessment Report with other concerned components.

6. In some instances, we have only a list of documents provided to the HSC which they were to read in the building. The component may need to locate the document in order to prepare a damage assessment report, if its subject suggests that such a report is appropriate.

7. If a component receives a document which it believes is the primary responsibility of another component, please return it to SA/DO/O indicating (if known) the component which should be tasked with the damage assessment.

8. Each addressee is requested to designate an officer to serve as a focal point for this activity in their component. The designated officer should contact Mr. Shepanek, ext. 1542, on my staff, as soon as possible, to arrange for the transfer of documents and to resolve any questions or problems concerning the damage assessment.

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9. The Damage Assessment Reports and a memo from the component listing documents reviewed but not requiring Damage Assessment Reports is due in SA/DO/O by COB 10 January 1977.

[Signature]
Philip F. Fendig
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