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7. On numerous occasions I met with Patterson and Baetz while they discussed methods of getting information about the Ray family from Jerry Ray. Baetz told Patterson to tape record telephone conversations with Jerry Ray and give the tapes to Baetz.

8. Patterson told me that Baetz had instructed him to open Jerry Ray's mail when Patterson went to Atlanta. I heard Baetz tell Patterson that the Select Committee would reimburse Patterson for his expenses for his trip to Atlanta to meet with Jerry Ray.

9. Patterson made photocopies of letters that Jerry Ray had received from his brother, James Earl Ray and gave those copies to Baetz. At Patterson's direction I gave one document to Baetz. That document came from an envelope that Patterson kept which contained copies of letters from James Earl Ray.

10. Baetz told me never to tell anyone about our meetings with him. Baetz also told me that he had warned two other people who learned about Patterson's secret work that they would be locked up in a federal penitentiary for obstruction of justice if they ever told anyone about the secret work that Baetz and Patterson were involved in.

11. Regularly, Baetz arrived at Patterson's house, gave Patterson blank tape cassettes and took from Patterson tape cassettes upon which Patterson had secretly recorded telephone conversations with Jerry Ray, J. B. Stoner, and others.

12. Baetz told me to go out with Jerry Ray and to ask him specific questions about his brother James Earl Ray. I wrote the questions down as Baetz dictated them and Baetz then told me to memorize the questions and destroy my notes. Baetz instructed me to "act like a naive 19 year old" while questioning Jerry Ray, to remember his answers, and then to report Ray's answers back to Baetz, I did as I was directed by Baetz.

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13. Baetz arranged for Patterson to call him collect at Baetz' home in Wood River, Illinois, which is not far from St. Louis. Baetz instructed Patterson to use the code name "David Rogers" when placing the collect calls.

14. When Jerry Ray called the Patterson house to tell me that Mark Lane was flying to St. Louis, I secured and wrote down the flight numbers from Los Angeles to Dallas and Dallas to St. Louis. Jerry Ray also told me who Mark Lane would be meeting in St. Louis. I called Baetz, using the code name "Mrs. David Rogers" for myself and gave a full report to Baetz about Mark Lane's schedule including flight numbers and the people he was scheduled to meet. Baetz thanked me for the report. Baetz' telephone number is (618) 259-8131.

15. Baetz agreed to pay Patterson \$1,500.00 in the form of a check from the Select Committee to "David Rogers." Later Baetz negotiated the sum down to \$900.00. Baetz later told me that he had lost all of Patterson's vouchers and that "Mel Waxman will walk them through" in order to have the check written. Mel Waxman was also a Staff Investigator for the Select Committee.

16. On several occasions Baetz viewed pornographic video tapes which he asked Patterson to play for him. Often when Patterson was not at home, Baetz visited the house and urged me to play the pornographic tapes for him. He also asked me to get him "dirty books". On a few occasions when Patterson was ill in a hospital, Baetz asked if he could spend the night with me at Patterson's house. I refused all of his efforts.

17. In addition to delivering fresh tapes in exchange for taped conversations between Jerry Ray and Patterson or Jerry Ray and me on one occasion Baetz brought over a case of micro-cassettes for Patterson to use with his micro-tape recorder.

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18. The man known to me as Conrad Baetz, also known as "Pete" Baetz, wears glasses, is of medium height and a moderate build and has brown/blond hair. He has a receding hairline and appears to be in his thirties. He wears a moustache and was always well dressed when I saw him; dressed in either leisure slacks and a shirt or a suit. He never revealed anything about himself to me other than that he worked with the Select Committee.

19. I make this affidavit with some fear and I have had nightmares regularly since I decided to make all of the information known. Baetz told me I could never tell Jerry Ray that Patterson was taping his telephone calls and opening his mail and passing that evidence on to Baetz. Baetz warned me against telling anybody that I knew him and that he worked for the Select Committee. Yet, I have made this affidavit because it is true and because I feel that Baetz and the Select Committee did not have the right to violate the law, look into people's mail, tape telephone calls without permission and threaten people.

*Susan Elaine Wadsworth*  
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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this 14th day of September, 1978.

*Robert J. Sturges*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

*Jan. 14, 1980*