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July 28, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHARLES COLSON
FROM: HOWARD HUNT
SUBJECT: Neutralization of Ellsberg

I am proposing a skeletal operations plan aimed at building a file on Ellsberg that will contain all available overt, covert and derogatory information. This basic tool is essential in determining how to destroy his public image and credibility.

Items:

Obtain all overt press material on Ellsberg and continue its collection;

Request CIA to perform a covert psychological assessment/evaluation on Ellsberg;

Interview Ellsberg's first wife;

Interview Ellsberg's Saigon contacts; the restaurant owner, Nicolai, and his mistress whom Ellsberg coveted;

Request CIA, FBI, and CIC for their full holdings on Ellsberg;

Examine Ellsberg personnel files at ISA (Pentagon) and the Rand Corporation, including clearance materials;

Obtain Ellsberg's files from his psychiatric analyst;

Inventory Ellsberg's ISA and Rand colleagues; determine where they are, and whether any might be approachable.

I realize that, as a practical matter, not all the foregoing items can be accomplished; even so, they represent desiderata.

Bill Cell

Wesley Beech

Clark Mullenby

Ralph de Toledo

James Benson

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Willis Edwards

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ALSO

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM:

JEB S. MAGRUDER

RE:

Addition to my Memorandum of 12/13
Regarding Individual to Head PR Firm

This morning Nofziger, Colson and I interviewed Mr. Howard Hunt who is currently employed by the Central Intelligence Agency in regards to the PR position. I am enclosing a copy of his resume.

It is our opinion that this gentleman also should receive priority consideration regarding this position. He has had consistent experience in the field of public relations and news dissemination. He is quite oriented to the type of operation we are talking about. He has been with CIA for 25 years and is moving because of financial concerns. He is a solid Nixon Republican, lives here in Washington, and could be available immediately. He is somewhat older than our perfect candidate but seems quite management oriented and has had good experience in these areas. He could be seen here in Washington at your convenience.

Enclosure

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WASHINGTON

August 3, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHARLES COLSON

FROM: BUD KROGH AND DAVID YOUNG *BY*

SUBJECT: REFERENCE THE MEMORANDUM TO YOU
FROM HOWARD HUNT DATED JULY 28, 1971
ON NEUTRALIZATION OF ELLSBERG

We already have in train the following projects mentioned in the Hunt memorandum.

(1) A complete psychological assessment and evaluation of Ellsberg by CIA.

(2) We are continuing to collect all press material on Ellsberg.

(3) There have been several interviews with Ellsberg's first wife, *wife, etc.* and we are in the process now of getting transcripts.

(4) We have asked the FBI to pull together all their holdings on Ellsberg.

We will look into the other suggestions which Hunt made.

✓ THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1971

See [unclear]

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES COLSON
FROM JOHN EYRLICHMAN
SUBJECT HUNT/LIDDY SPECIAL PROJECT #1

On the assumption that the proposed undertaking by Hunt and Liddy would be carried out, and would be successful, I would appreciate receiving from you by next Wednesday a game plan as to how and when you believe the materials should be used.