

SUMMARY OF PATRICK GRAY COMMENTARY ON
GENERAL WALTERS' ACCOUNT OF CIA-FBI
CONTACTS IN JUNE AND JULY 1972.

Patrick Gray has provided a detailed rebuttal to Walters' memoranda in his testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee as well as in a 29 page memorandum submitted to the Committee. There follows a summary of the major points of dispute between Gray and Walters as well as Gray's comments on third-party references to Walters on Gray.

June 23, 1972 meeting of Helms, Walters, Haldeman and Ehrlichman summarized in Walters' memo dated June 28, 1972. Gray knows of no basis for Haldeman's statement that Gray was looking for guidance.

June 23, 1972 meeting with Walters summarized in Walters' memo dated June 28, 1972. Gray has no recollection of Walters telling him that he had come to Gray from the White House, although Gray recalls that his meeting with Walters was set up as a result of a telephone call from Dean. If Gray referred to low-keying the matter, he could have been referring only to the CIA aspect of the case. Similarly if Gray said that he would see what he could do, he could only be talking about the CIA aspect of the case. Gray has no recollection of Walters saying that his job had been an awkward one.

June 28, 1972 meeting between Dean and Walters summarized in Walters' memo dated June 29, 1972. Gray has no recollection that Ehrlichman had suggested that Gray deal with Walters instead of Helms. Gray has no idea what Dean's basis was for saying that he felt that Gray's cancellation of the appointment with Helms might well be reversed within the next few hours.

July 5, 1972 telephone conversation between Walters and Gray summarized in Walters' memo dated July 5, 1972. Gray has no recollection of referring to "pressures" on him to continue the investigation. Gray has no specific recollection of telling Walters that he had spoken to John Dean, but may have done so.

July 6, 1972 meeting between Gray and Walters summarized in Walters' memo dated July 6, 1972. Gray has no recollection of Walters saying that he had been told by White House personnel to tell Gray that if the investigation were pursued further, it would uncover covert CIA operations. Gray never said that he told anyone that he could not "suppress this investigation" because there never was an issue of that, although Gray may have told Walters that once an FBI investigation starts, there is no way of stopping it. Gray did not tell Attorney General Kleindienst that he could not suppress the investigation, and, in fact, his contacts with the Attorney General concerning the investigation were very slight.

Gray has no recollection of telling Haldeman or Ehrlichman that he would prefer to resign but that the investigation would raise many questions detrimental to the President's interest, although he was talking in these terms with the FBI staff.

Gray has no recollection of mentioning specific names as to where the investigation will lead, although he may have told Walters that he would take the investigation wherever it would lead.

July 12, 1972 meeting between Gray and Walters summarized in Walters' memo dated July 13, 1972. Gray has no recollection of receiving a memorandum concerning the CIA assistance given to Hunt, although he signed for the memorandum. Gray did not say that the case would lead quite high politically, but might have said that it could lead quite high politically. With respect to Dahlberg, Gray might have said he was a political contributor, but did not say that Dahlberg was in the clear, or that Dahlberg had deposited money in a Mexican bank.

Gray says that Walters' summary of Gray's telephone conversation with the President is inaccurate. According to Gray, at 11:28 a.m. the President called him (37 minutes after he had called Clark MacGregor) and congratulated him on the FBI's success in preventing a hijacking in San Francisco on July 5, 1972. After the President did this, Gray stated:

"Mr. President, there is something I want to speak to you about. Dick Walters and I feel that people on your staff are trying to mortally

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wound you by using the CIA and the FBI -- by confusing the question of CIA interest in, or non-interest in people the FBI wishes to interview. I just talked to Clark MacGregor and asked him to speak to you about this."

There was a slight pause and then the President said:

"Pat, you continue to conduct your aggressive and thorough investigation." (Quoted from transcript of Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing, 5/24/73, pp. 188-89.)

Gray never told Walters that he had repeated the conversation to Dean, and, in fact, that is not the case.

Gray has no recollection at all concerning Walters' reference to a subpoena and Gray never contacted anyone concerning a subpoena.

July 28, 1972 meeting between Gray and Walters summarized in Walters' memo dated July 28, 1972. Gray's recollection of this meeting is not precise, and while he does not recall the bulk of the material summarized by Walters, he cannot say definitely that it did not occur. At the time he would have characterized the White House activity as harassment rather than pressure.