

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES  
FROM: PETE KINSEY  
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CHARLES COLSON ON JANUARY 30, 1975

On January 30, 1975 Senator Weicker and I met with Charles Colson and his attorney, Ken Adams, at the U.S. Courthouse in Washington, D.C.. Senator Weicker read back the notes of the previous meeting with Colson and with certain corrections, Colson said that they were accurate.

On the subject of Richard Ober, Colson said that Seymour Hersch had told him that Angleton had admitted to Hersch that he (Angleton) had been in regular contact with Howard Hunt from the time of the Ellsberg-Fielding break-in through the Watergate break-in. At that time, Richard Ober was Angleton's deputy at CIA. Colson said that the prosecutors had told him that the CIA employee statement in the record of the Impeachment Committee proceedings had been executed by Ober.

Colson said that Sven Kramer and Dolph Droge were ~~xxx~~ on loan from the CIA to the NSC where they were involved in coordination of all Southeast Asia intelligence information. On a number of occasions when Colson needed information regarding Southeast Asia, Haig had told him to deal with Kramer or Droge. Colson said that neither Kramer or Droge were predecessors to Ober as CIA liaison to the NSC staff.

On the subject of whom might have been Ober's predecessors, Colson said that a man named Broe might have been one. Colson said that Broe was the individual Geneen was dealing with in getting ITT money into Chile through the CIA in the pre-Allende days. Colson also said that a man named Vaky might have been one of Ober's predecessors.

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Colson then got onto the subject and indicated that in 1971 and 1972 he had worked ~~xxx~~ closely with Kissinger for 3 reasons. The first was that ~~xx~~ Nixon was in the habit of calling Colson in simply to talk about the progress of foreign negotiations.



Colson said that Nixon brought him in more and more just to chat and that during the time leading up to the pre-election bombing, Colson had daily contact with Nixon. Colson said that he was also with Nixon and Kissinger when the SALT I announcement was made. / A second reason for his close working relationship with Kissinger related to Colson's responsibilities for dissemination of foreign policy information after he took over Herb Klein's operation in January, 1971. Colson said that on occasion either he or John Scali who was on his staff at the time would prepare Kissinger for briefings. Colson's third reason involved carrying on the domestic negotiations <sup>beginning</sup> in the summer of 1971 when Kissinger was finalizing the agreements with the USSR on the wheat sale. There was a need to obtain a waiver from the unions of the 50/50 cargo preference and Nixon had told Colson to negotiate the waiver with the unions. Colson said that from the beginning of 1972 through May of 1972 he was working with Kissinger on a daily basis.

Colson said that Kissinger had a way of being in the middle of everything. Kissinger wanted to be the one who won the '72 elections for Nixon and to that end he rushed the ~~xx~~ the Vietnam negotiations. Kissinger told both Colson and Nixon that he (Kissinger) had been the ~~xxx~~ one who leaked the reaching of the ~~tentative~~ tentative agreement with the North Vietnamese.

Colson said that during the first weekend of 1973, Nixon asked him to keep a log on who Kissinger was calling on the phone. Colson said that he did this, but did not tape any conversations. Colson said that Kissinger was the real Hawk and that on occasion Nixon had to hold him back. Kissinger, however, gave the impression that he was just getting dragged along by the "mad Bomber" in the White House.

Colson said that Kissinger did not trust Nixon and Vice-versa.



Colson said that Kissinger either taped or had a stenographic record made of all his telephone calls - including those with the President. <sup>(Kissinger's)</sup> Colson said that Kissinger's secretary had a dead button on her phone which she could use to ~~pr~~ listen in on Kissinger's conversations and make stenographic notes. Colson said that he did not know the whereabouts of the tapes or stenographic notes of Kissingers were, but guessed that they were in Trudy Brown's files unit in the EOB.

Colson said that at one time he taped his calls with Kissinger, but he only taped conversations in a certain limited area of negotiations which he and Kissinger were involved in. Colson said that his main reason for taping Kissinger was that Kissinger would tell him to do something and then forget what he had told him two days later. Colson said that the tapes of these conversations were still at the White House in ~~his~~ files.

Colson said that Kissinger was really the driving force at the White House in getting people exercised over leaks. He said that on one occasion ~~the~~ Nixon told him that he thought Kissinger had had a nervous breakdown and that he was going to get him out of town and ship him to Palm Springs for a few weeks.

Colson said that after the Pentagon Papers leak, Kissinger, while in a meeting, slammed his fist on a desk and said that Daniel Ellsberg had to be destroyed before he (Ellsberg) destroyed the Government. Colson said that Kissinger was sensitive to Ellsberg because Ellsberg was in a position to destroy Kissinger's public image.

Colson said that on July 15, 1971 Kissinger, Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Nixon were on a plane to ~~the~~ San Clemente during which time the subject of putting David Young on the Plumber unit was discussed. Colson said that he could not conceive of Kissinger not knowing of the existence of the plumbers.

Colson said that Esquire Magazine is doing an article claiming that Kissinger got the N.Y. Times to suppress 2 foreign policy stories- specifically that the Times had the Cambodia incursion story 24 hours in advance of the operation but did not print it. Colson said that Kissinger had told both him and Nixon that he (Kissinger) had gotten the Times to suppress the story.

Colson said that during the Watergate, both Len ~~Gaxaxk~~ Garment and Buzhardt were feeding stories to Her<sup>sh</sup>. Kissinger usually fed information to Frank<sup>le</sup> of the N.Y. Times. Colson ~~sia~~ said the October 26 leak on the tentative North Vietnam agreement was fed to Frank<sup>le</sup> by Kissinger. Colson said that he knew this because Kissinger walked into the office while he was with Nixon and said that he had just given a little briefing to Frank<sup>le</sup>.