

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

FROM: PETE KINSEY

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CHARLES COLSON ON FEBRUARY 10, 1975

On February 10, 1975 Senator Weicker and I held a fourth meeting with Charles Colson and his attorney, Ken Adams, Senator Weicker gave Colson the notes of the previous meeting ^{for} his review and Colson confirmed their accuracy. The subject of this meeting was generally Henry Kissinger and his knowledge of the existence and activities of the Plumbers. Colson repeated an earlier statement he had made to us that during a July 15, 1971 helicopter flight to San Clemente with Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Kissinger and Nixon on board, ~~the subject of~~ there was a discussion relating to placing David Young - then on Kissinger's staff - on the Plumber's unit. Colson said that he was aware that the discussion took place because both Haldeman and Ehrlichman had briefed him in depth on it. Colson believes that both Haldeman and Ehrlichman would testify under oath that Kissinger discussed Young going to the Plumbers on the July 15, 1971 helicopter flight. Ken Adams also said that he was going to check the Ehrlichman testimony in the Ellsberg ~~xxx~~ break-in trial to see if Ehrlichman has already given testimony to that effect.

Colson also mentioned the fact that Kissinger has admitted to having listened to Young's interview of Admiral ~~Moore~~ Moorer. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Kissinger claims that he did not know what Young was doing. Colson stated that he does not believe that Kissinger was unaware of Young's activities in this regard.

Colson also discussed the Kissinger cable from Paris in which he told Nixon that the North Vietnamese were refusing to negotiate and that we should start bombing. Colson said the State Department

would not normally have copies of such cables since they came into the back-channel communications facilities in the White House situation room. Colson said that he had seen the cable and that Haldeman, Nixon, and Col. Kennedy (Haig's stand-in) had also seen the cable. Colson also said that Timish, who did an article on Kissinger in the NEW YORK Magazine in January or February of 1973, had a copy of the cable.