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Howell Thomas

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Found Noah's Ark - stole relics
all in basement at CIA (traveling
prof)

DCI REMARKS BEFORE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB

3 MAY 1976

② 3 Humanoids landed in Mojave
Desert. Who has on hand to interview em
CIA - put em on ice Eglin AFB - 30 days
later thanked
em out -

JACK RAYMOND SAID KEEP IT SHORT. EVER SINCE WE KNOCKED
OFF USING JOURNALISTS, I HAVE BEEN GETTING A LOT OF WISE COMMENTS they died
LIKE THAT FROM THE PRESS. TV Station in Florida

I'M ALSO GETTING A LOT OF FREE ADVICE-----USE ME LORD

ADVISORY CAPACITY.

PRE

FOUNDING INTERNATL ESTET ENVIRONMENTL

AFFAIRS

TONIGHT I NOTICE YOUR HONORING Jack R FOR THE WORK

HE DID ON THE WILDERNESS ACT. YOU KNOW THAT WAS THE ACT ETC. ETC.

ANYWAY SINCE JACK SAID KEEP IT SHORT, I WILL.....

JUST A FEW OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE CIA, WHERE IT STANDS, ETC.

FIRST, I THINK THERE IS SUPPORT FOR THE AGENCY IN THE COUNTRY.
MENTION POLLS, BUT MENTION CYNICISM TOWARDS ALL INSTITUTIONS. SECOND,
I THINK THE PART ABOUT CLEANING UP THE MESS, CORRECTING THE ABUSES
IS IN PRETTY FAIR SHAPE. WE STILL GET CREDIT FOR
A LOT OF WIERD STUFF

WE HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE EXECUTIVE ORDER. THE ORDER HAS GIVEN
MANY SAFEGUARDS TO THE PEOPLE -- SAFEGUARDS THAT WEREN'T IN PLACE
BEFORE. THERE IS A NEW OVERSIGHT PROCEDURE, BETTER IG SYSTEM, BETTER
GENERAL COUNSEL SYSTEM. THERE'S A PLACE WHERE THE GUY CAN GO WHEN
HE PERCEIVES WRONG. THE CONGRESS MAY DO MORE IN THIS, AND I HAVE
NO QUALMS ABOUT THAT AT ALL. I DON'T KNOW WHAT CONGRESS
WILL DO ON CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT. BUT WE
WILL COOPERATE FULLY

Key Question - Is it true sov. Army soldier gets
4 Pyramid even soldier gets one -
3 more black also sake of all your issues
sickness Stagnation Stade in 15 minutes

2-
My reports
to you honor
thought - Exp
CIA - put em
on ice
3-
Journalists
worry in Indo
China

Regular meetings⁻²⁻ with PRESIDENT!!

THE DCI HAS PUT OUT -- LONG BEFORE I GOT THERE A LIST OF THOU SHALT NOTS -- WHICH HAS TAKEN CARE OF MANY OF THE ABUSES OF THE PAST. SPEAKING ABOUT THE ABUSES OF THE PAST, AS YOU STUDY THE CIA IT IS HARD TO SEPARATE FACT FROM FICTION. THAT BRINGS ME THROUGH TO THE SECOND POINT.

I BELIEVE THERE IS A RETURN TO SOME SANITY. THERE ARE FEWER TV CREWS IN FRONT OF OUR GATES. I HOPE THERE WILL BE FEWER SENSATIONAL STORIES OR SHOWS THAT ARE JUST FLAT WRONG. *We still get credit for all the work - my daughter - Mad Magazine*

WHEN I FIRST CAME BACK TO THE STATES, I SAW A REDFORD MOVIE, 3 DAYS OF THE CONDOR -- ALL ABOUT THE CIA HERE IN NEW YORK. SHOOTING UP EACH OTHER, DASHING TO WASHINGTON -- SECRET NETWORKS INSIDE THE CIA, MURDERING CIA AGENTS. EVEN THE SEX PART OF IT WAS SCARY. FAYE DUNAWAY DOING HER THING BUT SCARED TO DEATH. THE PUBLIC PERCEPTION JOB IS STILL ENORMOUS. *Arthur Example Lecture in Los Angeles. "Hired Killer for CIA w. USSR" - escaped from USSR using his Amer. Exp.*

finished THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS -- THE TWO BIG ONES ARE *card. setting \$150 / lecture* FINISHED. SPEAK ON THE MOOD OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE AT THE END.....

SOME ARE WRITING THAT THIS WAS A WHITE WASH. I DON'T THINK SO.

THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN THE REPORT THAT I DON'T AGREE WITH.

SOME THINGS WERE PRINTED THAT I WISH HADN'T BEEN PRINTED. I AM SURE THAT THE KGB AND OTHERS ARE GLEEFULLY STUDYING EVERY PAGE IN THE REPORT, BUT IN SPITE OF ALL THE INVESTIGATIONS, THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN DAMAGED IN SOME WAYS, SOME SERIOUS WAYS, I BELIEVE WE STILL HAVE THE BEST FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE IN THE WORLD.

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MANY APPEARANCES ON HILL.

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CONGRESSIONAL

MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS PREEMPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE ORDER.
AND BY A DCI ACTION

I AM ALWAYS ASKED ABOUT THE MORALE AT THE AGENCY...RECRUITMENT...
WE HAVE MADE SOME HIGH LEVEL CHANGES AND THERE WILL BE SOME MORE,
BUT THE SPIRIT IS GOOD, THE DEDICATION IS HIGH.

THE MISSION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. THIS, PERHAPS, IS
THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL REASON WHY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SUPPORT
OUR FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, EVEN THOUGH THEY CANNOT KNOW
THE DETAILS.

WHATEVER YOU THINK OF SALT--OUR ROLE IN VERIFICATION IS
VITAL. ~~WHATEVER YOU THINK OF SOV. THREAT IT IS~~
~~IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW ABOUT THEIR MISSILE COUNT~~
~~AND THE MISSILE ACCURACY.~~
WHATEVER YOU THINK OF THE MIDDLE EAST--OUR ROLE IN PROVIDING
THE CURRENT INTELLIGENCE ON THIS TROUBLE AREA TO OUR POLICYMAKERS
IS VITAL.

TERRORISM, NARCOTICS, NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION-----OUR AGENCY
~~IS VITAL~~ ^{ESSENTIAL} IN TRYING TO PROTECT AGAINST ALL THREE.

INTELLIGENCE IS VITAL TO OUR SURVIVAL...

HENRY STIMPSON SAID, "GENTLEMEN DON'T READ OTHER GENTLEMEN'S
MAIL....BUT THAT WAS BEFORE PEARL HARBOR. AND THAT WAS BEFORE THE
NUCLEAR BOMB. AND THAT WAS BEFORE THE KGB PUT LARGE NUMBERS OF
SPIES INTO THE UNITED STATES. (AND BEFORE WE FELT WE HAD TO PRINT
EVERYTHING WE KNOW--UNCLASSIFIED OR CLASSIFIED.

THE CIA IS OUT OF THE MAIL READING BUSINESS IN THIS COUNTRY AND WELL WE SHOULD BE, BUT WE ARE STILL IN THE FOREIGN SPYING BUSINESS, WE ARE STILL IN THE COLLECTION BUSINESS BY HUMAN MEANS, OPEN AND CLANDESTINE, AND BY SCIENTIFIC (TECHNICAL) MEANS. WE STILL HAVE THE BEST TECHNICIANS AND THE BEST ANALYSTS ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS. WE MAKE SOME MISTAKES AND WE MISS SOME TOUGH CALLS, BUT WE HAVE AVERTED DISASTERS, WE HAVE SAVED SOME LIVES, WE HAVE HELPED OUR ALLIES IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM--AND IN SPITE OF ENORMOUS PRESSURE, WE HAVE STAYED IN TACT AS AN AGENCY ~~AND AS~~ ~~A COMMUNITY~~.

NEWSMEN COME TO SEE US HERE AND ABROAD. I HOPE THE MEMBERS OF THIS DISTINGUISHED OPC WILL CONTINUE TO AVAIL YOURSELVES OF ^{BRIEFING} OUR SERVICES...BECAUSE OF FIRST AMENDMENT CONCERNS OUR NEW POLICY ^{US} SAYS WE WILL NOT USE JOURNALISTS ON A CONTRACTUAL BASIS (~~HERE~~ ~~INCLUDE A SENTENCE OR TWO FROM MY DIRECTIVE ON NEWSPeOPLE~~).

BUT LET ME TELL YOU THIS--WE WANT YOUR COOPERATION ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. WE WILL CONTINUE, WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITATIONS, TO GIVE BRIEFINGS, TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CONTACTS WITH OUR PEOPLE ~~HERE~~ ~~AND ABROAD~~. AND IF YOU DO HELP, OR IF A BUSINESSMAN HELPS US, OR IF A PROFESSOR WANTS TO HELP HIS COUNTRY BY COOPERATING WITH THE CIA, OR A HAIRDRESSER, TOURIST OR ANYONE ELSE--AND THEY WANT THEIR

NAME KEPT SECRET--IT WILL BE. YOU WILL NOT DIVULGE YOUR SOURCES
AND I AM DETERMINED, INDEED THE LAW DICTATES, THAT I PROTECT
MY SOURCES. I HAVE GOTTEN INTO A ROW WITH ONE OR TWO OF YOU ON
THIS POINT, BUT, HAVING CHANGED OUR OVERALL POLICY TO ELIMINATE
THE PAID USE OF JOURNALISTS, I WILL NOT REVEAL THE NAMES OF
PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED THIS AGENCY IN THE PAST OR ARE WILLING TO
HELP US IN THE FUTURE.

DO YOU LIKE YOUR JOB - MAKING LOVE TO A GORILLA
I AM CONTINUALLY ASKED - ~~DO~~ CAN'T
YOU LIKE YOUR JOB - DON'T YOU MISS
CHINA - HOW ABOUT THE UN - ~~IS~~ STOP
YOU MISS POLITICS - ~~IS~~ TIL THE
GORILLA
WANTS
TO -

Let me answer this way
I do miss China - but being
and studying the PRC-Chinese struggle
have made me see the importance
of the CIA's mission.
The UN - yes I miss it, but
again - it gave me a perspective that is
helpful -

I miss politics ^{some} and I miss
business some; but I have never
been in a job that is more challenging
~~there~~ For some time to come there will
be plenty of problems - plenty of difficulties