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TELCON (Secure phone)
Bill Colby
Sec. Kissinger
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Following are remarks made by Colby to Sec. Kissinger.
The Secretary's comments to Mr. Colby were completely inaudible.

C: What we are talking about is the program that began many years ago of finding out if there are many connections with American businessmen. We did it a number of years ago. Not just a Nixon problem. Began in 67 or 68 something like that. You know when the anti-war effort and the Black Panthers and stuff like that. You remember a report -- you probably don't.

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About a year or so ago here in the Agency we sent out and told all our people if you know of any thing questionable that CIA has ever done you report it now and we collected up a collection of this kind of thing. Some- things that we really should not do. I bundled them together and briefed my two chairmen on it and I let the skelton sit quietly in the closet hoping they would stay there. Obviously someone has gotten a smell of a certain number of those. I think a certain number of ex-employees. Hersch put those two tracks into one track.

(Comment by HAK)

C: I think he would be well advised to put some independent investigator on it after he looks at what I tell him to assure him that what I am telling him is right.

(Comment by HAK)

C: If you want it tomorrow morning you can have it. No trouble.

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C: O.K. I will have it for you in the morning.

(Comment by Kissinger)

C: I really don't know. One name that came up was Peter Frelinghuysen. Not a bad name. The others were two political. Another Bill Scranton. The PFIAB is a little dubious for one reason it presents the intelligence board. They made some recommendations a year ago a little on the edge. They have withdrawn from those. Although representable people they are people the rebels would call the establishment having been members of the board. I think you would want to keep people like the VP and Richardson out of it. I will have a paper for you in the morning.

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