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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 12, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: COLONEL ALEXANDER M. HAIG  
TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE REQUEST

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On May 10, 1969, Colonel Alexander M. Haig, who is assigned to Dr. Henry A. Kissinger's staff, came to this Bureau to advise that a request was being made on the highest authority which involves a matter of most grave and serious consequence to our national security. He stressed that it is so sensitive it demands handling on a need-to-know basis, with no record maintained. He requested that telephone surveillance be placed on the following individuals to determine if a serious security problem exists: Daniel Ira Davidson; Morton H. Halperin; Colonel Robert Pursley; and Helmut Sonnenfeldt.

Davidson is aged 32 and is Department of State employee who has been on detail to the National Security Council since December, 1968. He was assigned to the Paris peace conference between May and November, 1968. Applicant-type investigation by this Bureau indicated, while in Paris, he reportedly leaked information to newspaper concerning happenings at the peace conference. This apparently was at the beginning of his assignment, and after being warned he discontinued his reported leaks.

Halperin, aged 30, was detailed from the Department of Defense to the National Security Council as a senior staff member on January 21, 1969. He was the subject of an applicant-type investigation by this Bureau. While admittedly he has had contact with Soviet nationals the investigation did not disclose at that time any pertinent derogatory information.

The files of this Bureau contain no identifiable information concerning Colonel Robert Pursley.

Sonnenfeldt, aged 42, was detailed to the National Security Council on January 21, 1969, from the Department of State, where he had been employed in various administrative capacities since 1947. An applicant-type investigation disclosed that during mid 1950's and early 1960's he was suspected of

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leaking classified information to unauthorized sources. Thorough investigations were conducted by Department of State; however, no information was developed indicating he was responsible for leaks.

Colonel Haig is Military Assistant to the Assistant to the President for national security affairs. He was the subject of an applicant-type investigation and no derogatory information was developed concerning him.

This Bureau is in a position to conduct the necessary telephone surveillances requested by Colonel Haig.

Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

APPROVED

*W. A. Rostenkowski*

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