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INTERVIEW WITH:

Paul David (alias)

SSCI

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REGARDING:

Assassination Inquiry

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DATE-TIME-LOCATION:

July 25, 1975; 608 Carroll Arms

PRESENT:

Messrs. WALLACH and DiGenova

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FILE:

This morning, Joe and I met with Paul David ("P.D.") at the Carroll Arms for approximately two hours. George Clarke from the CIA's General Counsel's staff was present for the last fifteen minutes of the interview.

Background:

- 1948-51 - Assistant to the Chief of Station - Thessalon
- 1951-54 - Chief Rumanian Desk
- 1954-58 - Chief of Operations Against Communist Areas (Eastern Bloc) - (Operations from 5-16 Frank Bower - stationed in Greece)
- 1958-61 - Chief of Station 15-16
- 1961-62 - Special Assistant to Helms
- 1962-63 - National War College (June 1962 - July 1963)
- 1963-64 - Helms' Special Assistant
- 1965-66 - Chief of Station, London/Hague 5-6
- 1966-69 - Chief of Station, Ethiopia 2-21
- 1969-73 - Chief of Operational Services - Chief of Staff in DDP. (Director Clandestine Services)
- 1973 - Chief Career Management Personnel
- 1973-74 - Chief Plans & Programs for Directorate

Interview Summary:

Bissell "out of the blue" asked P.D. to read and comment upon Zoogby's Cuban operations paper. P.D. told Bissell that the paper/proposals "stunk" (. . . "much like another Bay of Pigs"). Apparently, Helms also read and liked P.D.'s comments. After Bissell "left", Helms requested that P.D. come on board as his staff assistant.

P.D. stressed that he was not in the operational line of command -- "I provided an interface for intelligence information." A typical day in P.D.'s life:

- Screening cable traffic (7 - 9 a.m.). Primarily cables relating to positive intelligence, to prepare Helms for his daily 9 a.m. hour-long meeting with DCI McCone.

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