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1. TO SUMMARIZE, ASHMEAD CALLED ON MRS CURTIS (HERE-AFTER "SHE") AFTERNOON OF 28 APRIL TO TALK TO HER OF SECRET OF DIRECTOR AND FRIENDS IN ORGANIZATION OF CURTIS' DEATH AND DISCUSSED BRIEFLY AND GENERALLY THE BENEFITS TO WHICH SHE IS ENTITLED, NOTING THAT OUR CURRENT INFORMATION TENTATIVE. ASHMEAD SPOKE OF SEEING THAT COMPETENT STAFF MEMBER LEGAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE MADE AVAILABLE TO ADVISE HER ON THESE MATTERS AND TO SEE THAT SHE GETS EVERY ADVANTAGE FOR HERSELF AND CHILDREN FROM THESE BENEFITS. SHE THEN NOT SURE OF EXISTENCE OR VALIDITY OR STATUS OF WILL NOR SURE WHO LAWYER OR EXECUTOR MIGHT BE AND AGREED TO TALK TO CCS IN MEANTIME OF THESE QUESTIONS.

2. ASHMEAD TURNED TO PLANNED CURTIS TRIP TO SEE DIRECTOR OF WHICH SHE AWARE AND COVERED CHIEF PARTS OF MANUSCRIPT OF WHICH SHE AWARE BUT WHICH SHE SAID SHE HAD NOT SEEN. (SHE TOLD KINGMAN ON 29 APRIL THAT SHE AND OTHER HAVE

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HEARD MUCH TALK OF MANUSCRIPT FROM CURTIS. FOR EXAMPLE, BURNELL GOODRICH CLAIMS TO HAVE READ ONE CHAPTER. SHE THINKS DEMPSTER MAY HAVE HELPED WITH [SMORANGE] PARTS. THIS DISCUSSION OF MANUSCRIPT BY CURTIS, ALTHOUGH NOT CLEAR WHO ALL MAY HAVE READ IT, MEANS IT IS WELL KNOWN AND, ACCORDING TO HER, LOOKED FOR WITH SOME ANTICIPATION BY FRIENDS IN HIS U.S. CIRCLE HERE.) ASHMEAD ADVISED HER AGAINST READING MANUSCRIPT, AS IT DISCUSSES IN OPEN WAY INTIMATE MATTERS OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGE. IMPORTANTLY, ASHMEAD POINTED OUT, INFORMATION THEREIN WOULD VIOLATE TWO DIFFERENT SECRECY AGREEMENTS [U.K.] AND U.S.) AS WELL AS DOING GREAT DAMAGE TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS. THE INFORMATION IS, AS IT WERE, U.S. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND ASHMEAD SAID THAT THE PUBLICATION WOULD DISMAY CURTIS' FRIENDS AND HARM HIS REPUTATION AND MEMORY. SHE SEEMED APPALLED AT IDEA OF PUBLISHING MANUSCRIPT, SAYING THAT SHE REALIZED WHEN CURTIS TOLD HER OF VISIT TO DIRECTOR THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG. SHE ALSO ASKED ASHMEAD ABOUT CURTIS' MOTIVATION IN THIS. IN DISCUSSION OF THESE AND OTHER PAPERS SHE AGREED (ALTHOUGH IT THEN SEEMED TO KINGMAN SOMEWHAT HESITANT) TO COOPERATE WITH KINGMAN ON GETTING AGENCY

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PAPERS FROM CURTIS' BELONGINGS. (ASHMEAD WILL REMEMBER BARRON STATEMENT LATE NIGHT OF 28 APRIL THAT HE WOULD FORGET THE MANUSCRIPT, TAKING NO STEPS TO GO FORWARD WITH PUBLICATION.)

3. ASHMEAD AND KINGMAN AGREED THAT KINGMAN WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH HER THE NEXT DAY AND ALSO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH JEREMY K. BENADUM WHO NOW WORKING AS BARRON'S MAN WITH GOM AUTHORITIES ON THE KGB/MAR MATTER. (BENADUM MISSED BARRON AT HOTEL NIGHT OF 28 APRIL SO UNABLE TO GET HIM TOGETHER WITH GOM MAR AUTHORITY AND PRESUMABLY THIS WILL CONTINUE WHEN BARRON RETURNS MEXICO PROBABLY 7 MAY.) MORE IMPORTANT REASON KEEP IN TOUCH WITH BENADUM IS TO HAVE HIS HELP OR, BETTER YET, NEUTRALIZE HIM AS INIMICAL FACTOR IN MRS CURTIS AFFAIRS AS THEY INVOLVE US.

4. YOU WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO LEARN THAT WHEN KINGMAN CALLED HER FOR APPOINTMENT ON MORNING 29 APRIL SHE TOLD HIM TO COME OUT AS SOON AS CONVENIENT AS SHE WANTED TO SEE HIM "BEFORE ANYONE ELSE." KINGMAN ARRIVED TO LEARN FOLLOWING:

A. BURNELL GOODRICH APPEARS TO BE EXECUTOR OF ESTATE IN HANDWRITTEN WILL WHICH SHE AND HER BROTHER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW FOUND IN GOING THROUGH CURTIS PAPERS NIGHT

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B. SHE WANTED TO HAVE KINGMAN IMMEDIATELY REMOVE  
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ALL PAPERS BELONGING TO GOVERNMENT, AS ASHMEAD HAD SUGGESTED,  
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BEFORE THE PAPERS IN CURTIS STUDY ARE SEALED UP.

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5. WITH HER EFFICIENT COOPERATION KINGMAN SPENT SEVERAL  
HOURS GOING THROUGH SAFES AND CABINETS AND VALISES IN STUDY  
AND LOADED THREE LARGE CARTONS AND FOUR VALISES WITH FILE  
FOLDERS, NOTES, AND MEMORANDA OF CLASSIFIED STATION FILES. X  
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ALSO, WHEN SHE AND BROTHERS AT CURTIS OFFICE PREVIOUS DAY,  
THEY HAD PULLED OUT, UNDER LAWYER'S EYES, NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS  
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WHICH OBVIOUSLY CLASSIFIED OR AGENCY ORIENTED (CURTIS NAME  
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IN PSEUDONYM, SECRET STAMPS AND SO ON. ASHMEAD WILL RECALL  
BARRON MENTION OF MEMO FROM CURTIS TO KINGMAN ON FLUTEO  
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WHICH IN OFFICE. THIS CARBON WAS AMONG THIS BATCH GIVE<sup>N</sup> TO  
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KINGMAN WHICH INDICATES WE GOT MOST OF STUFF FROM OFFICE.)

6. WHILE WE SHALL INVENTORY LATER, TO AT LEAST CURSORY  
EXTENT, IMPORTANTLY WE GOT TWO ORIGINAL DRAFTS (APPARENTLY  
THE SECOND A REWRITE) AND TWO CARBONS OF MANUSCRIPT. PLUS  
THIS WERE NUMBER OF DRAFTS, SOME REPETITIVE OF WHAT APPEARS  
TO HAVE BEEN FINAL MANUSCRIPT. SHE KNOWS OF NO OTHER COPIES

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EXTANT SAVE WHAT BARRON MAY HAVE. SHE SAYS MANUSCRIPT TYPED IN FINAL IN ENGLISH BY WOMAN IN MEXICO UNKNOWN TO HER AND WE WILL TRACE THIS.

7. NOT SURE THAT WE HAVE ALL CLASSIFIED PAPERS AND THINK SHE AND LAWYER (SEE BELOW) WILL COOPERATE IN TURNING OVER OTHER FINDS. THERE IS ONE LOCKED BOX IN SAFE WHICH, WHEN SHE HAS KEY, SHE PROMISED TO OPEN WITH KINGMAN. WE SUSPECT THIS MAY CONTAIN MISSING TAPES ON RETTIE CASE AND "LESBIANS" WHICH BARRON SPOKE OF TO ASHMEAD. (WE HAVE FOUND HUEY NEWTON AND CLEAVER TAPES BUT THESE ONLY TAPES SO FAR.)

8. SHE TOOK SOME PAINS TO CONCEAL KNOWLEDGE OF KINGMAN PRESENCE FROM LAWYERS AND FROM BENADUM WHO CAME BY HOUSE WHILE KINGMAN SEARCHING STUDY. AS SHE CONCERNED HOW TO HANDLE MISSING DOCUMENTS (ABSENCE OF WHICH SHE FEARED LAWYER WOULD DETECT AND WHICH KINGMAN TOLD HER MIGHT WELL HAVE TO BE REVEALED TO LAWYERS LATER) WE DECIDED ON FOLLOWING.

9. KINGMAN TO CALL GOODRICH ON RETURN OFFICE AND TELL HIM THAT ON BEHALF OF U.S. GOVERNMENT KINGMAN HAD GONE TO CURTIS HOME TO RETRIEVE PAPERS WHICH PROPERTY OF U.S. GOVERNMENT AND OF WHICH KINGMAN HAD LISTING. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN

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EXPECTED BY CURTIS AS THIS "ROUTINE" MATTER. TO PROTECT HER, AS SHE WANTS TO KEEP ON GOODRICH GOOD SIDE DESPITE DOUBTS ABOUT HIS INTELLIGENCE OR COMPETENCE, KINGMAN WOULD TELL GOODRICH HE FOUND HER SOMEWHAT DISPLEASED AT KINGMAN'S TAKING PAPERS AND KINGMAN HAD AGREED TO EXPLAIN THIS TO GOODRICH, AS SHE FEARED GOODRICH'S DISAPPROVAL. THIS SCRIPT FOLLOWED OVER PHONE WITH GOODRICH WHO COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE RELAXED AND UNDERSTANDING (TO POINT THAT SHE NOW CONVINCED THAT HE NOT COMPETENT) OF KINGMAN'S PROCEDURE. GOODRICH SEEMED HAPPY TO HEAR AGENCY LAWYER COMING AND WILL PRESUMABLY BE OPEN AND COOPERATIVE.

10. WE DISCUSSED AGAIN THE WASHINGTON LAWYER AND SHE WILL BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THIS HELP AS SHE DISCLAIMS ANY MONEY SENSE OR LEGAL JUDGMENT. (DESPITE HER CLEAR INTELLIGENCE, KINGMAN BELIEVES THIS.) ASHMEAD WILL BE INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT SHE SAID HER WORRY ABOUT CURTIS HAVING WRITTEN MANUSCRIPT HAD "STOPPED HER CRYING" AND SHE WAS CLEARHEADED, IN CONTROL AND OBJECTIVE, EVEN WRYLY CHEERFUL, DURING THE EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS. DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF HANDLING HER U.S. GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENTS SEPARATE FROM REST OF ESTATE BUT,

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SHE MENTIONED, CURTIS REFERRED TO INSURANCE AND SURVIVOR ANNUITIES IN HIS WILL AS PART OF ESTATE. SHE OBVIOUSLY NOT SATISFIED TO HAVE GOODRICH REPRESENTING HER, ALTHOUGH FEARFUL OF OFFENDING HIM OR OTHER OF CURTIS INFLUENTIAL FRIENDS. KINGMAN POINTED OUT THAT ASHMEAD WANTED AGENCY LAWYER TO BE HELPFUL IN PROTECTING HER INTERESTS AS POSSIBLE BUT MIGHT BE LIMITED AS MIGHT BE INEXPERT IN MEXICAN LAW. HAVE YOU CONSIDERED OUR GETTING A CORRESPONDENT HERE TO ADVISE OUR LAWYER ON MEXICAN LAW OR DO YOU CONSIDER THAT ADVISABLE?

11. LOOSE ENDS:

- A. FURTHER DOCUMENT FINDS WHICH KINGMAN WILL PURSUE WITH HER HELP.
- B. HANDLING HER ENTITLEMENTS, IN CONSULTATION AS APPROPRIATE WITH GOODRICH, IF IT CERTAIN HE EXECUTOR, AND POSSIBLY WITH OTHER MEXICAN LAWYERS, BY AGENCY COUNSEL SELECTED BY ASHMEAD AND BRIEFED THOROUGHLY ON HER ENTITLEMENTS AND OPTIONAL FORMS OF RECEIVING THEM.
- C. MANUSCRIPT. IT APPEARS TO KINGMAN THAT SHE NOT EVEN WISTFUL ABOUT IT AT THIS POINT, AND WHEN SHE COMMENTED THAT CURTIS MUST HAVE HAD MONEY IN MIND IT

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APPARENT THAT SHE DID NOT WANT MONEY THAT BADLY (ALTHOUGH CLEAR SHE QUITE UNCERTAIN ABOUT HER FINANCIAL STATUS OR FUTURE.) KINGMAN WARNED HER THAT CURTIS FRIENDS MAY FEEL AGENCY HAS PULLED FAST ONE WITH MANUSCRIPT BUT THAT KINGMAN PREPARED TO WEATHER THAT ONE. SHE MORE CONCERNED WITH BARRON'S UNTRUSTWORTHINESS AND THAT HE MAY HAVE KEPT A COPY WHICH HE COULD PERSONALLY EXPLOIT.

D. SECURITY, OTHERWISE. IF WE HAVE RETRIEVED ALL PAPERS OR WILL SOON HAVE DONE SO, THINK WORST HAS BEEN AVOIDED, THROUGH ASHMEAD'S PERSUASIVENESS AND MRS CURTIS' GOOD SPIRIT.

12. WHILE TRYING TO AVOID GOING FURTHER THAN WE SHOULD OR CAN POSSIBLY DO IN HELPING HER WITH SETTLEMENT, WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULD BE READY TO GET LAWYER DOWN HERE IN COMING WEEK. KINGMAN FEELS THAT SHE WILL TURN TO US FOR ADVICE AND, AT LEAST, WILL USE US (NOT BENADUM) AS CHANNEL FOR THINGS CONCERNING AGENCY AND FOR WHAT HELP SHE MAY NEED FROM MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. KINGMAN INTENDS CONTINUE KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HER TO BE HELPFUL AND TO BE NEAR IN CASE SHE DOUBTS OR IS ADVISED AGAINST WISDOM OF HER ACTIONS TODAY. GP-1

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