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development of a generalized assassination capability at the

CIA -- that such a capability could be developed without

specific authorization from authority outside the CIA?

Mr. Dillon. Yes, I would think so.

Mr. Baron. But it is clear to you that the discussion at

the meeting at the Pentagon that you attended would not in

itself have served as an authorization for an actual assassi-

nation effort against Lumumba?

Mr. Dillon. Not at all.

Mr. Baron. Did you ever hear the phrase "Executive Action"

during your entire tenure in Government?

Mr. Dillon. No. The first time I ever heard it, I was on the Rockefeller Commission.

Mr. Baron. Were you aware that the CIA undertook a project

which was run under the cryptonym ZR RIFLE to develop the means

for carrying off an assassination if required?

Mr. Dillon. No, I didn't.

Mr. Baron. And your first knowledge of any such project

was during your service on the Rockefeller Commission?

Mr. Dillon. That is right.

Mr. Baron. Earlier today we discussed Robert Johnson,

who was a member of the NSC Staff in the late fifties and

serving until early 1962. Do you recall whether Robert

Johnson participated in this meeting at the Pentagon?

Mr. Dillon. No, I don't recall. I wouldn't think so.

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