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them toward this subject, that is to say the elimination, violent elimination of foreign leaders?

Mr. Baron. And I believe you had said to me before that despite your absence of a clear recollection as to which CIA people were there, it was clear to you that some top level CIA people were there?

Mr. Dillon. Well, that is a difficult thing to speculate on in a totally different atmosphere. But I think probably both of them would have approached it in a very pragmatic way, most likely, simply weighed the process and consequence.

Mr. Dillon. Top enough, so that something like this could be raised and more or less disposed of without even thinking of it any further.

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Senator Hart. Let me insert a question, if I might. This is a philosophical question.

First of all, factually, in any of the dealings, formal or informal, that you ever had with President Eisenhower or President Kennedy, did the subject of assassination ever arise?

Mr. Dillon. As far as I know, as I recall, in dealing directly with either of them, no.

Senator Hart. I would invite your speculation at this point as a sub-Cabinet officer under President Eisenhower, and as a Cabinet Officer under President Kennedy, I think the Committee would be interested in your view as to the attitude of each of