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TESTIMONY OF C. DOUGLAS DILLON

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Mr. Baron. And are you aware that you may cease answering questions at any point to seek advice of counsel?

Mr. Dillon. In late 1959 I was Under Secretary of State, which was the number two position in the State Department. And I continued in that position until 1961.

Mr. Dillon. I am glad you have so notified me.

My duties as such were two-fold. One was the position as the First Deputy to the Secretary of State, and Acting Secretary in his absence from time to time, in which capacity I had to be fully aware at all times of more or less everything that was in the ken of the State Department, so I could fill in for the Secretary of State as necessary. And in those days the Secretary was absent a good deal of the time, because there were travels abroad, and various reasons. I think I mentioned in my affidavit that I think I served as Acting Secretary at least a third of the time during that period.

Mr. Baron. And are you voluntarily appearing here today without counsel?

Mr. Dillon. Yes, I am.

Mr. Baron. Are you also aware that you have all of your constitutional rights intact here before the Committee, including your Fifth Amendment rights?

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Mr. Dillon. I am glad to know that.

Mr. Baron. Mr. Dillon, could you please give the Committee a general idea of your position in the Government from, say, late 1959 until March of