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COS recalls raising the subject of assassination with Gottlieb on subsequent occasions outside the Congo only in the context of his (COS's) feeling: "Thank God I never had to use it."

COS did not remember if Gottlieb mentioned Richard Bissell as a source of authority or approval for the assassination operation. COS does not recall that anyone other than the President and the DCI were indicated as the source of authority for the assassination operation.

O'DONNELL IS DISPATCHED FROM HEADQUARTERS TO THE CONGO

COS recalled the fact that Justin O'Donnell arrived in the Congo from CIA Headquarters approximately in October of 1960. COS said that O'Donnell "came to eliminate Lumumba." COS did not recall whether O'Donnell recalled a conversation with Richard Bissell.

COS said that, in anticipating O'Donnell's arrival, he had the impression that O'Donnell was coming to aid in the removal of Lumumba. COS said, "I wondered if Headquarters thought I was dragging my feet and that I might be relieved."

COS said he did not remember discussing his meeting with Sidney Gottlieb with O'Donnell but he simply does not have a specific recollection. COS said he would not dispute O'Donnell's testimony that COS had made O'Donnell aware that a poison virus was in his safe. COS said that assassination was "not excluded" as one of the means of removing Lumumba that O'Donnell might use. But COS said that he was not certain that assassination was included as one of O'Donnell's tools. COS said that he may have discussed.