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Mr. Baron. So it is your impression that Mr. Dulles had heard comments by the President previous to this meeting?

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Mr. Dillon. Certainly.

they referred to as his associate, that is the key point. He worked for the President.

Mr. Baron. Comments which called for "very straightforward action?"

Mr. Baron. Let me represent to you that we have testimony from Thomas Parrott, who took the minutes for this meeting and other Special Group meetings, that when he used the phrase "Mr. Gray's associate or Mr. Gray's friend," he was referring euphemistically to the President.

Mr. Dillon. Yes, I think that is certainly what this

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Mr. Dillon. That is what I would more or less have assumed. But as long as you have that testimony, my assumption is probably correct. And it follows the same way, that Mr. Dulles said he would take any comments referred to seriously. And then he talks about those as instructions and the same thing. And it would seem to be that. And that must refer to the same meeting that your friend Mr. Johnson testified to, which I presume took place before this. They are talking about something that happened before this day, where he had said his associate had expressed strong feelings about the matter, and Mr. Dulles said he would take the comments referred to seriously.