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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH

FROM: BOB WOLTHUIS *RKW*

SUBJECT: House Government Operations Committee
Investigation of Presidential Helicopters

One day last week Bill Gulley received a call from a Mr. Richard Barnes on the Government Operations Subcommittee on Legislation and National Security requesting that he be allowed to come down and discuss with Gulley use of the Presidential helicopters. Gulley told him that this had to be cleared through the Congressional Relations office and had Mr. Barnes call me. Barnes stated that their intention was to merely review how the choppers were used and that in his view it was a routine investigation. I told him I saw no problem with that and that from our viewpoint Mr. Gulley could talk with him.

Bill called today and had a discussion with Mr. Stevens who is listed as a professional staff member on the committee who was much more direct and pushy in his request. He apparently wanted to discuss all usage of the aircraft and Gulley told him that some of the missions are classified. With this Stevens became indignant and told Gulley that he would have him before the committee in short time to testify the use of the helicopters. Bill has made no further commitments and I thought before we get any further in dealing with the committee staff we should bring this to the attention of you and Phil Buchen.

cc: Max Friedersdorf
Phil Buchen

