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FROM: POC:bg
RE: John Obassey/Ross Perot Film

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About two weeks after I returned from China, February 15, 1986, it was reported to me by Bill Paul that a film showing POWs held in captivity which was approximately two hours in duration had suddenly surfaced in the Middle East. This film was in the possession of a gold smuggler who had been in business in Bangkok for quite a few years and had many ties with the Laotian and Vietnamese governments. His fictitious name is John Obassey and he holds British passport. The film was supposedly very recent. John Obassey had been able to pass throughout Indochina for quite some time now. He had excellent relations with officials which were and still are under the control of Hoang. [This gold smuggler had taken the film and given a statement at the McIntyre/Smith vs. United States of America trial, and had given an affidavit, and then returned quickly with the film to the Middle East.] His whereabouts are now unknown. However, I was informed by Bill Paul that Obassey offered this film to President Reagan and Vice President Bush for an undisclosed amount of money and the President turned this purchase down.

I was also informed that George Bush went to Ross Perot in order to purchase this film and that Perot bought the film. Later on, about the first week in March, Perot set up a meeting with Mr. Bill Paul. Bill informed me of this fact before he met

and we discussed it after the meeting. During the meeting, Perot's representatives told Bill that he would like to know what exactly we were doing and who and where we were, and if a meeting could be arranged between us and his representative. I told Bill that I did not wish Mr. Perot to know who we were, but that we could arrange a meeting, only if this meeting took place in Bangkok. Bill then met with Mr. Perot's representative again and passed on this information. Bill told me that Mr. Perot's representative ^{SAC} ~~that~~ "Bush had better not turn out looking bad over this project", and that, "Mr. Perot grows very impatient". Bill told him that the meeting in Bangkok would be soon, but that Mr. Bush would look good or bad depending on how Bill felt at the time. This meeting was approximately the 15th of March, 1986.