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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : New Book: The Experts by Seymour Freidin and George Bailey

1. This memorandum is for information only to invite your attention to a new book entitled The Experts by Seymour Freidin and George Bailey (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1968). Freidin was a long-time foreign correspondent and editor of the New York Herald Tribune. Bailey is executive editor of The Reporter magazine.

2. Your attention is invited to Chapter 6: "The Intelligence Problem" and in particular to pages 75-84. The authors commence this chapter with an attack on Wise and Ross' The Invisible Government. Noting that the promotion hailed The Invisible Government as the "first full, authentic account of America's intelligence and espionage apparatus...", the authors state that "It may have been the first book of its kind. Authentic, it is not. To make so grave a charge against these two serious and diligent writers requires profound substantiation." They then proceed to attack Wise and Ross and to take The Invisible Government apart. This is followed (page 81) by a short attack on the New York Times series on the CIA. The authors also raise some interesting questions on press position on the public's right to know.

3. It seems unfortunate that the authors should have included in this excellent chapter (at page 85) an "unrevealed" allegation of a phone call from Senator Robert Kennedy to CIA immediately after the President's assassination in which the Senator is quoted as asking "Did your outfit have anything to do with this horror?" The authors include an implied denial in this paragraph.

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