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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

On July 1, at the request of Senator Margaret Chase Smith's office, I had a conversation with Dr. Michael Silvert, Mr. William S. Noise, Mr. William Steig, and Mrs. Kari H. Steig. The above persons described themselves as representatives of a Citizens Committee which has been formed in Maine for the purpose of attempting to obtain legislation to thwart Communist espionage in the United States. This group purports to have uncovered a Communist espionage methodology and technique against which there exists no legal means of combat. In support of their contentions, they furnished me a case history which allegedly illustrates the methodology employed. This case history, a copy of which is attached, was compiled from the Archives of the Orgone Institute in Orgonon, Maine. The group was apologetic about the copy being a rough carbon copy and stated they would furnish a clean printed version as soon as it comes off the press. The group also furnished me two pamphlets, Reich's "History of the Discovery of the Life Energy, 1953" and "Documentary Supplement No. 1, 1955." This material is also attached.

I explained to these people that CIA had no internal security function and therefore was not in a position to assist them in their efforts to obtain legislation along the lines they were proposing. I pointed out that some of our specialists might be interested in reviewing the attached materials for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not it contained any new information on Communist espionage and techniques or any data which would aid in understanding and combating such. They constantly stressed the fact that this study demonstrates what makes individuals become Communists and how such individuals' minds are controlled by a few psychopaths at the top of the Communist hierarchy.

This material is being sent to you with the thought that your combined operational training and assessment staffs can perhaps render the best evaluation. You will note that there are medical, psychological and scientific references throughout this material.

Will you please let me know the results of your review of the attachments, inasmuch as it is possible I will receive a subsequent call either from these representatives of the Citizens Group or from Senator Smith's office.


Assistant to the Director

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