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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Edwards

SUBJECT: Provisional Clearances

1. The question of the long delay in obtaining provisional clearances [redacted] was raised at every station I visited on my recent trip. I am advised that all the available information with respect to such personnel is that which is forwarded from the field and that the principal purpose served by Washington clearance is to complete a [redacted] check. Is it not possible that this can be done in a few hours and avoid the present long delay on such clearances?

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2. Please advise.

STUART HELLMAN  
Inspector General

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