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SPEAKER AT
SUBJECT: Third Session of the International Commission of Inquiry into U.S. War Crimes (ICI)

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1. [Redacted] as reported during a speech by Anthony RUSSO to the Third Session of the ICI held in Copenhagen, Denmark, 10-16 October 1972, RUSSO stated, "I was there in Vietnam with the Rand Corporation which is an organization in many ways more important than the CIA or other intelligence-gathering agencies of the Government." He went on to refer to and quote from a Rand report entitled "Vietcong Motion and Morale" published in 1965 for the U.S. Department of Defense which cited the slaughter of the population of an unidentified hamlet by American troops.

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TO INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO U.S. WAR CRIMES

[Redacted] virtually all the delegates at the hearing were puzzled by, annoyed at, or highly suspicious of RUSSO's behavior. The Soviet delegates were particularly appalled by the comment made by RUSSO at a demonstration at the American Embassy in Copenhagen, that "Nixon is the most dangerous exponent of the most criminal terrorism in the world." Professor Arkadiy POLTORAK, head of the Soviet delegation, [Redacted]

[Redacted] believes RUSSO is either "mad" or the provocateur of some arm of the United States Government. Both POLTORAK and his colleague Alexander BERKOV said that a man who would be willing to divulge government secrets and who, in public, would insult the head of his own government is either unbalanced or in the pay of the government.

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4. The foreign broadcast information service has provided the transcripts of a broadcast from Agence France Press in English at 1620 Greenwich Mean Time on 12 October 1972 entitled "RUSSO Report Presented to War Crimes Inquiry"

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(A copy of that transcript is provided for your convenience and retention.)

5. [redacted] A copy of the speech mentioned in paragraph one has been obtained abroad and will be forwarded to your Bureau upon receipt. Further information on RUSSO's activities in Copenhagen is being sought and will be provided your Bureau.] (S)

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6. [redacted] The above information is provided in response to your 7 October 1972 request from Mr. James Wagner, and is supplemental to that provided in our teletype [redacted] dated 7 October 1972, Subject: War Crimes Session. Information concerning POLTORAK, BERKOV and the ICI has also been provided in our teletype [redacted] dated 7 October 1972, Subject: Soviet Reaction to Plans for Forthcoming Meeting of International Commission of Enquiry into U.S. Crimes in Indochina (ICE), and Identification Soviet Delegation, a copy of which is attached for your convenience and retention.] (S)

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7. [redacted] The above information is being provided to your Bureau with the understanding that it will receive no further dissemination other than to your appropriate field offices, without the prior approval of this office; and that any reference to it in Internal Bureau documents will state only that it was obtained from a confidential source.] (S)

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