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MEMORANDUM FOR: ACTING CNEA

SUBJECT: Appeal to DCI by Mr. Adolph Berle and Rabbi Kalmanowitz for CIA Action to "deal" with Nazi War Criminal KARL EICHMANN

1. In response to an urgent call from the General Counsel's office, I took the letters in this case (from Rabbi Kalmanowitz to the President, the Secretary of State and the DCI, and from Mr. Berle to the DCI) to Mr. Pfortzheimer, who informed me that Senator H. Alexander Smith (N.J.) is taking up the cudgel on behalf of the Rabbi and that a great deal of pressure is expected to be exerted on CIA to "deal" with EICHMANN. We took the papers in to Mr. Larry Houston, the General Counsel, who reviewed the file. The answer to Senator Smith and to other interested parties seemed obvious: that while CIA has a continuing interest in the whereabouts and activities of individuals such as EICHMANN, we are not in the business of apprehending war criminals, hence in no position to take an active role in this case; that we would, however, be alert to any information regarding EICHMANN's whereabouts and pass it on to appropriate authorities (probably the West German Government) for such action as may be indicated.

2. Following this meeting I met Colonel Fuller (ADCI) in the street and he confirmed the position outlined above. He further stated that a great deal of pressure is being brought in this case and that it was not clear just what is bringing it about at this particular time.

3. Mr. Pfortzheimer will send the file back to me. The "hill" seems satisfied with present NE action, i.e., attempting to determine if EICHMANN is, in fact, in our area.

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