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26 September 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: More on Anthony "Tony" BROWN

REFERENCE: Our Memorandum on Mr. BROWN dated 25 September 1968

1. The Visa and Citizenship Section of the U.S. Consulate, circa 0900 hours on 26 September 1968, received a telephone call from Mr. KLICKS, the owner of the Hotel Splendid, Maximilianstr., Munich, regarding problems Mr. KLICKS was having with Mr. BROWN's hotel bill. Mr. KLICKS advised that the hotel bill was something over DM 4,000 at the present time and that although Mr. BROWN kept assuring him that he would be receiving money by wire, Mr. KLICKS was unwilling to provide any further services for Mr. BROWN and that he had no choice but to take the matter to the German police. Mr. KLICKS was reluctant to take this action and asked if something could be done to settle Mr. BROWN's hotel bill.

2. The foregoing was brought to the attention of OCA immediately. OCA in turn called Lukas to advise him of this new development. Lukas requested that OCA contact Mr. KLICKS and persuade him not to take the planned action with the police. OCA was also authorized to inform Mr. KLICKS that a friend of General SIBERT's would visit Mr. KLICKS on the afternoon of 26 September 1968 and settle Mr. BROWN's bill.

3. OCA called Mr. KLICKS shortly thereafter and explained that although the Consulate was unable to take any official action in this matter inasmuch as Mr. BROWN is a British subject, informal inquiries had established that personal friends of General SIBERT would be willing to settle this hotel bill immediately so as to avoid any embarrassment for General SIBERT who was well known as a reputable retired U.S. Army general. Mr. KLICKS was delighted at this news and assured OCA that he would take no police action and that he did not want to cause any embarrassment for General SIBERT or the United States. KLICKS further stated that he had gained the impression that Mr. BROWN was somewhat unstable and had also observed that he was an extremely heavy drinker. He further advised that whoever came to settle the bill should come before 1330 hours or after 1500 hours on 26 September inasmuch as he had a medical appointment which would take him away from the hotel for that period. He also requested that whoever visited

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the hotel deal with him directly rather than with one of the hired help. Mr. KLICKS thanked OCA for its interest and apologized for taking up time. In short, he was a perfect gentleman.

4. As OCA was passing the aforementioned information to Lukas' secretary, OCA received a call directly from Mr. BROWN who advised that he was having considerable trouble with his hotel bill. Mr. BROWN stated that he had carried sufficient Traveler's Checks to take care of his travel and living expenses but that he had signed a large portion of these Traveler's Checks over to General SIBERT and Ross CANFIELD when they departed Munich earlier in the week. Both of these gentlemen gave BROWN personal checks in the same amount but BROWN was unable to use these personal checks to pay his hotel bill. He further stated that he had wired Harper and Row for \$2,000 to be sent via American Express and expected to receive this momentarily. Mr. BROWN asked if there was anything OCA could do informally to assure the hotel management that BROWN and SIBERT were reputable people, were on a valid business mission, and that their bills would be paid by Mr. BROWN upon receipt of the funds for which he had wired. OCA told Mr. BROWN that OCA would be willing to call the hotel owner and attempt to hold off police action (OCA had already done so) but that this could be done only on an informal basis and not as an official call from the U.S. Consulate. Mr. BROWN made several hints during the conversation to the effect that it would be to the advantage of everyone concerned if this question of the hotel bill could be quashed. During the course of the conversation OCA advised Mr. BROWN that OCA was somewhat unhappy about the turn of his conversation with Mr. KELLY for it was understood that he attempted to imply to Mr. KELLY that his business in Munich was sanctioned by certain elements of the United States Government. Mr. BROWN assured OCA that he had no intention of making such implications during his conversation with Mr. KELLY. OCA did not pursue this on the telephone with Mr. BROWN but the facts of the matter as previously reported are clear.

5. OCA passed the foregoing information to Lukas' secretary and circa 1030 hours on 26 September OCA received another call from Mr. BROWN in which he stated that the money had arrived and was waiting for him at American Express. He planned to pick it up soonest and settle his hotel bill that same morning. He urged OCA to keep this problem "amongst ourselves" so as to avoid further embarrassment. The information in the foregoing paragraph was transmitted to Lukas' secretary.

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6. OCA is attempting to reach Mr. KLINKS at the Hotel Splendid to advise him that Mr. BROWN has stated that he now has sufficient funds to pay his bill and that General SIBERT's "friends" will not visit him on the afternoon of 26 September unless Mr. KLINKS advises OCA later in the day that Mr. BROWN has not settled his account.

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