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21 June 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Freds Z. LAUNAGS

1. After receipt of a cable and telephone call from Ottawa to the effect that the local INS office had stated that LAUNAGS would be deported to the U.S. from Montreal and consigned to Dr. Saltups at the Brooklyn State Mental Hospital, I called Alien Affairs Staff [] on 21 June and asked him to check with INS here for any information which they might have. Upon checking he learned that INS had contacted their representative in Montreal and found that LAUNAGS was still there. Further, INS has no jurisdiction in the case since LAUNAGS is a U.S. citizen. Their representative in Montreal is nevertheless keeping in touch with the Canadian authorities about the disposition of the case and according to the information which he had the Canadians were attempting to find some agency which would take financial responsibility for his return to the U.S. This might be the Travellers' Aid Society or perhaps a Lutheran Church organization in Montreal. INS here knew nothing about the prospect of him being turned over to a mental institution upon his return to New York.

2. Meanwhile, [] had spoken to Dr. [] and found that he had not been informed of any new plans to send LAUNAGS to him. Dr. [] further stated that LAUNAGS could be consigned to the hospital only as a result of a court order, unless LAUNAGS voluntarily entered for treatment. Thus, at this writing the disposition of LAUNAGS is not at all clear and we may have to ask [] to travel to New York to take charge of him physically in the event that he should be returned there and turned loose.

3. New Subject: I discussed with [] of CI/LSN the matter of the recent communication from the Bureau of

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Intelligence and Research, Department of State which asks for more justification for denying a passport to LAUNAGS. As background it should be noted that [] had called the State Passport Office on 17 June when the Canadian flap originated to find out whether they had in fact issued a passport to LAUNAGS despite our earlier CSCI on this subject. [] was advised that the application had been rejected on 25 May and that LAUNAGS' \$10 fee had been returned to him. Thus, I was somewhat at a loss to understand the June 7 memorandum to the Agency from IRS asking [] to show cause why a passport should not be issued. [] stated that the Passport Office frequently consults IRS on delicate or problem areas with respect to issuance of passports. In this case it may be speculated that the Passport Office did indeed reject his application but that the decision may have been reviewed at some higher level. Possibly IRS was then asked to grant further ammunition to support the decision to refuse the passport. We both speculated that IRS may desire to build a record in the event that the State Department should be challenged in a court of law.

4. [] further advised me that his office is the correct channel for passage of information to State on this matter. He will coordinate with CI/SIG as necessary. The Central Cover Staff need not be involved since we have admitted Agency connection with LAUNAGS. (This is in comment to para 2 of [] Memorandum for the Record dated 4 January 1966 in the LAUNAGS' file.)

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