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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: IDENTITY A

1. On Thursday, 22 July, I met Subject at the Washington airport and drove him into town, leaving him off at the corner of Jackson Place and H Street. Subject had a 5 o'clock appointment at the International Bank of Washington, 726 Jackson Place. Subject had missed an Airline plane from New York so that we did not have more than twenty minutes together.

2. I gave him an additional \$500.00 which he had asked me to procure for him and obtained a receipt from him signed in pseudonym.

3. Subject stated that IDENTITY B had put off meeting Subject and now the latest arrangement was for Subject to have luncheon on Tuesday, 27 July, with IDENTITY B as the latter's guest. Subject said that when he had given the material relating to the notional girl, there had not been the slightest indication of unusual interest on the part of IDENTITY B; that he did not even flicker an eyelash or make any other gesture to indicate more than routine interest. In the course of conversation with IDENTITY B the latter had said that he was in the midst of settling up with CIA and that he hoped everything could be arranged satisfactorily. However, he said that he was afraid that CIA was going to try to attack him and that if this was so he would fight back vigorously. IDENTITY B gave subject the impression that he was ready to call it quits and let bygones be bygones but that if any attempt was made to fight him, then he would be as vicious as anyone. Subject was not aware of what IDENTITY B's statement might mean but he gave it to me for what it was worth.

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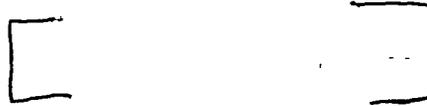
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4. After his meeting next Tuesday Subject will type out a report and arrangements will be made to have it picked up in New York. We discussed the possibility of having someone from this office go up and take dictation but I told him in view of the summer holiday schedule we did not have anybody who could be spared at this time. Subject asked if it was necessary to put in pseudonyms in the report and I said by all means. Subject said it added a great deal of time to the preparation of the report. I told him that that may be so but it had to be done.

5. I gave Subject a brief summary of the information which I had been able to glean concerning Dr. Stephen RATH. I told him that although there had been a lot of allegations about RATH there were no positive indications either of Communist affiliations or of intelligence connections. I told him that from the record it looked as if RATH was a very sharp and unscrupulous businessman in the best central European tradition and that any dealings with him should be handled with a great deal of caution.



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