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22 September 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversations with [] of the
[] Airlines, on 21 September 1950.

1. Together with [] Cover Officer, and with [] of Procurement, who arranged the meeting, I met with [], president of the [] Airlines, for lunch on this date. [] and several of the members of his company have been security-cleared to enable them to receive operational information and in connection with handling sensitive shipments around the world for this organization.

2. During the course of this conversation, it was decided that an [] plane would be chartered to leave New York on 2 October carrying the first FIEND leaflet to Greece to arrive 6 October. Subject to [] ability to lay the matter on, the plane would stop at Frankfurt, Germany, and there take on the six Dreamers coming from France ferrying them also to Greece. There are several problems involved, among which are those posed by getting the Dreamers out through German Immigration inspection and bringing them into Greece discretely. (I initiated a cable this date advising [] of the availability of the aircraft and ~~each~~ of these problems.)

3. [] representative in Frankfurt is a German national, [], who operates from [] Base and has offices in central []. To avoid dealing with this man, there is a possibility the plane could land at Wiesbaden, U. S. Air Base. However, special clearances would have to be laid on to do that. The same thing could be accomplished on the other end by landing the Dreamers at Eleusis, RHAF base. As a last resort [] the European manager of [], could fly in from Luxemburg to handle the whole thing, however, he is not cleared. ~~either~~. It is my belief at this point that whoever [] charges with "nursemaid" the group can keep in touch with [] under a pseudonym to determine the moment the plane lands at Rhine Main.

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4. The second topic touched upon was the question of whether [] would be willing to take on one of our people as their Greek representative. This ^{COVERT} question is the one which we are presently contemplating for [] who will be [] assistant. It would present the double advantage of allowing one of our own people to handle our sensitive air shipments to Greece.

5. After a second interview held in the evening of this date in []'s room at the Carlton, he finally agreed to hire [] immediately. [] will go to New York on the 25th, meet all the directors of the company, who will, in view of his excellent aviation background, not need to know of his connection with this organization. It is planned that he will go forward to Greece on or about the first of October and engage an [] office for the company. The Project Officer, [] will draw a contract with [] and will make them a cash advance for [] and his wife's transportation and for his salary and the office rent.

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