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MEMORANDUM FOR: FILES

23 January 1950

FROM : Mr. []

1. The attached memoranda constitute our complete file on our request for OPC justification of action on the entry of Nicholas Poppe's sons and action in accord therewith by the General Counsel. After the initiating memorandum had been delivered, we were referred to Offie in carrying out further business, and it was for this reason that I subsequently saw him twice. It was not until 20 January that I was informed by [] (OPC) that the genesis of this reference was a visit by Warner to Offie after he received our memorandum, at which time Warner asked Offie what steps should be taken. Offie replied that he would handle it, and Warner then, according to [] "quite properly washed his hands of the matter." The last time I saw Offie, on or about 5 January 1950, I took him a letter from British authorities to Poppe to ask him to whom I should transmit it. He said to send it to him, that he would be in New York the next forenoon, but back in the afternoon, when he expected to see Carusi and deliver the British letter to him. He added that he believed the whole matter was under complete control in the DP commission, and while he did not specifically state he had seen Carusi about it, I got a very positive inference that such was the case. On or about 16 January 1950 [] learned unofficially that the matter was in the hands of [] (OPC, apparently a new subordinate of Offie). I asked [] if he knew what progress had been made, and he explained that he was new and green, knew almost nothing about it, and apparently scurried for cover and dumped the matter in [] hands. It was in this manner that [] took over, came to find out what the score was from us, disclosed that he had only parts of the material in our file which had been sent to OPC, and left with the intention of finding out what Offie had done and where the matter stood. On 19 January 1950 Offie told [] to go see Carusi. [] states Offie did not say he, Offie, had not seen Carusi on the matter at all, but that he thought it was a sound inference that Offie had never discussed Poppe's sons with Carusi. [] got only as far as a subordinate of Carusi's, who stated that there was no hope of getting the sons in under the DP act.

2. [] present proposal is to get Offie to officially declare himself out of the matter, and then to get Warner to take it for action as had been apparently expected at the time of our November 16, 1949 memorandum. Apparently there is no hope in this except for the possibility of a temporizing subterfuge through a visitor's visa. Meanwhile, Poppe has in good faith been working through the British and IRO to clear the path for the sons' admission here as DP's. Poppe's efforts have possibly run counter to any shift to visitors' visas now. The only further items to note are that we continue to send Poppe several new requirements each month and the flow of intelligence from him continues. In addition he continues to spend a considerable portion of his time on projects initiated directly by Offie. In all he continues as an unusually prolific contact of considerable value.

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3. We are again considerably beyond our depth at the section level. We do not know what to report to [] [] in carrying out our proper function of keeping that FO informed of progress in the matter. We have no opinion on whether or not the matter is now ripe for high-level, hair-down coordination. As to Warner's probable effectiveness and energy, it should be noted that he is quite innocent in the matter up to now, entirely well disposed toward us, but probably not too eager to take over the wreckage from Offie and start rebuilding.

cc: Mr. Kirkpatrick

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