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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Anna Chennault

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1. This memorandum is for information.

2. I called Mrs. Chennault on 23 October and advised that the Director had a full schedule for the day and asked what I could do. She advised that she had a personal message for the Director but that if he were unavailable no further action would be necessary. Mrs. Chennault asked to meet with me concerning the Civil Air Transport (CATCL) negotiations and I arranged to have Mr. [redacted] accompany me to the meeting.

3. Mrs. Chennault covered a host of topics in a rambling conversation. She stated that she was leaving for Taipei on 26 October and would return to Washington approximately 8 November. She claimed to have personal invitations from Thieu and Ky and was thinking of going to Saigon for the inauguration ceremonies. The main purpose of the meeting emerged in her request as to whether the Agency desired her intervention and influence with the Chinese Government in regard to the status of the phaseout negotiations for CATCL. She was advised that the Agency was not requesting her intervention. Had we asked for her assistance in any way she no doubt would have then asked that we underwrite her trip to the Far East. We understand that she has been invited to Taipei by Dr. Wang Wen-san who heads the group of private investors seeking to buy CATCL but at the moment they are not underwriting any of the expenses of their associated group and accordingly Anna must pay her own expenses.

4. She did express some hesitation in fully identifying herself with this private investing group in overtures to the GRC as she felt this might impinge upon some of her other interests and relationships. She indicated that the success of the private investing group would be largely determined by Chiang Ching-kuo's attitude and whether he would agree to and support two airlines flying a Chinese flag; namely, Chinese Airlines and CATCL airlines.

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5. It is felt that the main purpose of this requested meeting was to obtain an underwriting for her trip and to obtain a license from the Agency to intervene in the negotiations in Taipei. If she had the latter she could use the Agency's name freely in those matters where she had a related interest.

6. The meeting was most pleasant and she was appreciative of a prompt response to her telephone call.


R. L. Bannerman
Deputy Director
for Support

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