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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

SUBJECT : "Unclassified" Comments by Sherman Kent on the Andrew Tully Book

1. I understand that the subject rebuttal of the Andrew Tully book is being printed in an unclassified form for attachment to our classified "Studies in Intelligence" in a detachable form. In addition, that 100 copies more are being printed and that all should be ready by the first of August.

2. This is to inform you that the Director and I take a dim view of this procedure. There is simply no point in getting into you know what kind of a match with a skunk. To print this rebuttal unclassified can only result in its immediate public dissemination (which may have been the purpose in the first place) and will leave Tully no recourse but to respond. This then puts Sherman Kent in the wrong kind of match with the wrong kind of skunk, and will serve no useful purpose other than to increase the sales of Tully's book, result in numerous comments, book reviews, letters to the press, etc., and in general serve to continue something that appears to be well on the way toward dying.

3. Accordingly, I desire that you either destroy all of the unclassified printed copies and retain only enough, classified as Secret, to cover our files; or, as an alternative, you may classify the rebuttal Secret and include it in the classified portion of the "Studies in Intelligence."

/s/ MSC

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