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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

SAS No. 63-316

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director (Plans) ^{M-11}

SUBJECT : Request by the Attorney General to Review CIA Information Concerning the Attorney General Prior to its Dissemination.

1. This memorandum contains a request for your guidance. This request is stated in paragraph 5.

2. The Attorney General has requested that any information concerning the Attorney General which is to be included in CIA reports for dissemination should first be checked with the Attorney General or with his Administrative Assistant, Mr. John Nolan. This request arose from the Attorney General's reading of CIA Report No.

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Apparently the Attorney General was displeased with those aspects of the report

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It was on the basis of this change in ground rules that the report concerning [redacted] his connection with the Attorney General was automatically disseminated.

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4. The request by the Attorney General to screen information in which he is named raises several questions on which your guidance is needed.

a. Procedures: On the assumption that we will comply with the request, what channel should be used to obtain the necessary clearance for dissemination? The Office of General Counsel is now the normal channel to the Attorney General, particularly for [redacted]. Should we notify OGC during normal duty hours as well as after normal duty hours in order to obtain the necessary clearances? Should we only use OGC during normal duty hours and the Intelligence Watch after duty hours, or should we hold information regardless of its significance for processing during normal duty hours only? What should the procedure be in those cases when neither the Attorney General nor Mr. Nolan can be reached? Should the information be held until it can be cleared by either one?

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5. Your guidance is requested, therefore, on: (a) Should this request be honored? (b) If honored, which of the procedures outlined in paragraph 4. a. above do you suggest be followed?

Desmond FitzGerald
Chief, Special Affairs Staff

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To whom, and by what means, and
when did AG ask for this preclearance?

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6 June 1963