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Harry -

This is a copy of a memo I prepared for Mr. Coffey's information following our discussion and understanding on the carpet. If I have not accurately reflected our understanding, please "holler".

Robert S. Wattles

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Assistant Deputy Director for Support

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DD/S 71-0546: Memo dtd 17 Feb 71 for Mr. Coffey fr Robert S. Wattles, subj: Library Carpet

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Conley
SUBJECT : Library Carpet

Jack:

I reviewed with [redacted] the circumstances of the carpet in the CIA Library and then met with Harry Eisenbeiss and [redacted]. We are all agreed that the carpet in dispute will be removed from the Library and that one of the Government standard carpets will be installed. It is my understanding that, although the Agency stocks only the salt and pepper carpet we have presently under our feet, there is in the standard Government catalog the same carpet in different color mixes. [redacted] will be in touch with Mr. Eisenbeiss and [redacted] to make the selection. It will be their choice as to whether they ask the Fine Arts Commission people to participate in the color choice.

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[redacted] believes that there are grounds and reason to hope that some recovery can be made from the installers of the present carpet for the poor job done and for either recovery or substitution of the like quality of carpet from the supplier in matching color. If, as will presumably be the case, the present carpet can be used for some other installation, Eisenbeiss might get some offset in the cost of the second installation. The use of standard carpet will permit both an earlier correction of the situation in the Library and the use of this Fiscal Year's funds, which would be Mr. Eisenbeiss' choice. He recognizes that they -- Eisenbeiss and [redacted] -- were partly at fault in not having objected more strenuously to the original choice even though there was a misunderstanding as to the authority of the Fine Arts Commission and [redacted]. Consequently, he did not object to the suggestion that at least part of the cost of replacing the carpet should be borne by his off [redacted]

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Robert S. Wattles

cc: Director, Central Reference Service
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