

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

NEWSWEEK, Request for Interview

FROM: **Lavon B. Strong**
Director, Public Affairs Office

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20 JUL 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Lavon B. Strong
Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT: [redacted] NEWSWEEK,
Request for Interview

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1. Action Requested: Accept or decline request for an interview for a cover story on you by [redacted] reporter for NEWSWEEK magazine.

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2. Background: [redacted]

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[redacted] He stated that he was interested in covering the CIA in a fair and favorable way and expressed more interest in covering longer-term substantive issues and stories, such as CIA's progress since the cutbacks in the Carter years, than in sensational stories like "Debategate".

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[redacted] said NEWSWEEK expects to commission a cover story on you and the Agency before the end of the summer. He would like an interview using a question-and-answer format where the transcript would be provided to you after the meeting to be sure it reflected correctly what you had to say. He would write his story from that transcript, The focus would be on how the CIA stands under your stewardship including how the CIA has grown, changes in operations, the NIC and National Intelligence Estimates, and the beefing up of the CIA's analytic staff. He would also want to cover some questions about you personally and would wish to interview John McMahon.

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3. Recommendation: We are not deluded by [redacted] promise of favorable treatment. He was unpleasant when we were unable to accommodate his recent requests for background briefings on Central America and methods used to gauge foreign

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leaders' health. Nevertheless, it might be time to use an opportunity such as this to remind the public of what CIA does by getting back to your "rebuilding" theme which was effective a few months ago. If you do accept, we will set very strict ground rules on subjects to be covered.

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Lavon B. Strong

ACCEPT:

See note on routing sheet

Director of Central Intelligence

(Date)

DECLINE:

Director of Central Intelligence

(Date)

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