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MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief, History Staff

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Helms DCI Study Drafts

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THROUGH: Executive Secretary

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1. I shall attach the following draft chapters and sections from our study in progress of Richard Helms's tenure as Director of Central Intelligence:

Richard Helms and Intelligence Production (102 pp)  
by R. Jack Smith

Richard Helms and Chile (31 pp)  
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Richard Helms, Vietnam and Clandestine Operations (53 pp)  
by R. Jack Smith

Richard Helms and the Intelligence Community, 1966-71 (83 pp)  
by John A. Bross

Notes on Richard Helms's Dismissal (20 pp)  
by John A. Bross

2. I should emphasize that these are working drafts, which will be revised and edited before the whole study is completed and presented for review. Since these drafts are not in final form, I would be grateful if you would return them to us. Mr. Helms has read them, and we would be glad to have your comments as well.

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