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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Mr. Helms, DDP/COP on New Case

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1. This afternoon at 3:30 p.m., Mr. Maury, [redacted] and I saw Mr. Helms on a number of matters. One of them, the new lead from Moscow, was the subject of discussion. I showed him the [redacted] cable from the Ambassador to Hugh Cumming, the letter and contents of the material received from the new lead, and told him of some of the preliminary traces and information about the subject regarding his stay in Turkey and views held by some of his colleagues about him. Also mentioned his selling of jewelry because he needed money and the abortive attempt to sell a camera.

2. Mr. Helms seemed quite interested in this new lead. He asked what we planned to do. I asked if he would consider utilizing the American Embassy as a point of contact with the Soviet. Mr. Helms replied that it would be a waste of time to negotiate with the Department and the Ambassador, that not only would their response be negative but that many precious weeks would elapse. In the meantime, we could seek another approach to the subject. I suggested then that we could use either a Third National or an American citizen, and asked what his views were in regard to either. [redacted]

3. Mr. Helms responded that in this particular case, it was worth the risk using either and said if this flapped, we could stand such a flap from the [redacted]. He gave me latitude in getting to the subject in any possible way except through the Embassy.

4. Mr. Maury then proceeded to speculate that this new lead might indeed be a provocation, following from the [redacted] case. Before he had gotten too far, Mr. Helms stopped him with a remark that in this point in the Agency's history, we cannot afford but to follow up such a lead.

5. Mr. Helms then inquired if we had informed the FBI as yet in regard to the Illegals alleged to be coming to the USA. I said we had not, that we had plenty of time since the particular class in which the Illegals were located would not be graduated until 1963. Mr. Helms said that despite this and on the possibility that a tour at the WDA might be shortened, we must inform the FBI immediately. He said further that at this time, the political

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considerations were such that it might do us some good as an Agency to inform the FBI of such leads. I replied that I would prefer to give the FBI a complete package including all the traces on the Illegals. He agreed, but warned me that this should be done within one month and not in six months. I said "Yes Sir".

5. Mr. Helms further raised the question as to what should be done about the other Illegals going to other countries and then answered his own question that we should not do anything at this time. He warned me however about establishing a tickler system on these leads so that appropriate action could be taken at the appropriate time. I said this would be done.

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