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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Negotiations with SIS  
Concerning Letter to KGB/GRU

1. Mr. Angleton, Chief, CI Staff, and I have been negotiating for the past two weeks with Maurice Oldfield and through him with SIS Headquarters in London relative to possible action to be taken in conveying to the KGB/GRU the possibility of public revelation of certain of the information provided us by [redacted] as an inducement for more considerate treatment of [redacted] and the release of the British businessman WYNNE.

1.3(a)(4)

2. As you know, you approved originally an anonymous letter to the KGB/GRU written to this effect with the stipulation that it be passed covertly through British channels to the KGB and GRU. SIS objected unequivocally to this scheme and we informed them that we were disappointed with their position in this matter.

3. Quite recently in communications from SIS Headquarters in London through Maurice Oldfield, we were informed that they had indeed reversed their position and proposed discussions with the Foreign Office which, in the opinion of Mr. Angleton and me, went much too far and proposed a detailed expose of several categories of substantive information that [redacted] had provided during his tenure as a joint agent of SIS/CIA. Further, they proposed to make an official approach through local representatives of the KGB and GRU acting on behalf of SIS and CIA. Mr. Angleton and I objected vigorously to this proposal, pointing out that this Agency could not, under any circumstance, condone the establishment of an official contact with any intelligence organ of the Soviet Union. Further, we pointed out that the revelation to the Soviets of large areas of [redacted] substantive reporting would be counterproductive in that it would provide the Soviets with solid grounds on which to initiate a propaganda attack on both the U. S. and the U. K.

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4. In subsequent negotiations and after preliminary discussions with the British Foreign Office, SIS proposed

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that it take official unilateral action including the consideration of the possibility of a mass "PNGing" of Soviet intelligence personnel in the U. K. We objected to this on the following grounds:

- a. SIS cannot in realistic terms make any official approach to either the KGB or GRU unilaterally in light of the fact that the Soviet authorities have learned from [REDACTED] that this was a joint operation. 1.3(a)(4)
- b. We cannot consider any proposal leading to the mass "PNGing" of Soviet officials because of the obvious and certain retaliatory steps which will be taken by Soviet authorities.
- c. We cannot consider any official contact or approach to the KGB or GRU in London. We are willing to consider the use of written communications couched in general terms which will allude to the possibility of revelation of facts known to us from [REDACTED] concerning the use of official and unofficial representatives of the KGB or GRU abroad; or we are willing to consider the use of a cleared British attorney ostensibly acting on behalf of Mrs. WYNNE to communicate similar information. 1.3(a)(4)
- d. We are of the opinion that we should include a request alluding to the safeguarding of [REDACTED] in addition to the release of WYNNE with the full knowledge that the threat insofar as it pertains to [REDACTED] will be little more than psychological but may serve to disrupt further relations between the KGB and the GRU. 1.3(a)(4)
5. We have reached the point in our negotiations with SIS, as represented by Maurice Oldfield, where establishment of an official Agency position is required and we are recommending that you approve the above. In this context, you may wish to inform the Director of these negotiations in the event that the matter is raised with him by Sir Dick White, Director of SIS.

Howard J. Osborn  
Chief, SR Division

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