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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with J. Bromley Smith

1. I met Mr. Smith at 1100 on 22 April at his office in the White House to discuss with him the inclusion of the Prikhodko Lecture in THE PENKOVSKIY PAPERS. I explained to Mr. Smith the importance we ascribe to the lecture as a part of the book in that it provides a unique documentary source for allegations of Soviet intelligence activities in the United States. I said that it was not only a convincing and impressive document but also one with several passages of considerable unconscious humor for the American reader at least. Mr. Smith appeared to accept the importance that we ascribe to the document without question.

2. I then informed him of the history of the document, explaining that Mr. Murphy had not taken it up with him earlier because at that time we had not received clearance on using it from the FBI, a clearance we now have. I then stated that approximately two years ago the release of the document by the Government, I thought by the Department of Justice, was contemplated, and the question at that time had been referred to the White House for a decision. I said that Mr. Helms's recollection of the circumstances was that President Kennedy had decided against releasing the document after consultation with Llewellyn Thompson, the basic reason for a negative decision being that the negotiations for the Test Ban Treaty were then underway with the Soviet Government. It was therefore considered inappropriate for the Government to release a document of this sort. I then pointed out that we considered that the circumstances of today are different in that negotiations of that type are not

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underway with the Soviet Government at present and, most importantly, that we now plan to incorporate the document in a book which will appear under private auspices rather than have it released by an official agency of the U. S. Government. I further said that in order to preserve the cover of private preparation of the PENKOVSKIY PAPERS, the lecture would be translated anew so that Agency participation in the preparation of the book could not be proved by comparison of the two English texts of the lecture. I noted that the introduction to this chapter says that it can be presumed that Penkovskiy also gave the lecture to his Anglo/American intelligence contacts.

3. Mr. Smith appeared to be favorably disposed toward the proposal, but said in view of the incident in 1963 he thought he ought to check with Mr. Bundy about it. He said that he would do so as soon as possible and let me know what the decision was by Saturday, 24 April.

4. I informed Mr. Smith that we were going to solicit Dean Acheson's support for the Penkovskiy Fund tomorrow morning. He asked that I call him to let him know how we made out. He said that he could not predict how Mr. Acheson might react.

5. (Prior to seeing Mr. Smith, I checked with [REDACTED] as to the advisability of raising the following item which I forgot to mention yesterday to the DDP. [REDACTED] urged me to take it up with Smith, and I did so.) I told Mr. Smith that Cornelius Ryan is a personal friend of mine and had recently telephoned me to say that he would be pleased to write or contribute to a speech for the President or some other high Government official on the anniversary of VE Day. Ryan's specific contribution would be a passage itemizing the massive extent of U. S. lend-lease to the Soviet Union during World War II. Ryan suggested that the subject might be led into by an observation concerning our current military aid to South Vietnam and the record of American military support to other countries fighting for their independence. Ryan has a complete itemized list of all the materials sent to the Soviet Union under lend-lease and believes that simply reading off major items on that list of materials would be a very impressive rebuttal of the frequently repeated Soviet charge that lend-lease was of minimal importance to the Soviet

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prosecution of the war. Mr. Smith said that he welcomed the offer greatly and that Mr. David Cline of his office was at present working on a draft of a Presidential speech for that occasion. He said he would take the matter up with Cline and ask that Cline call me about Ryan's participation.

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