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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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1. Following the Morning Meeting of 3 February (which had been chaired by a senior CIA official) I was invited to stay on and meet with an Agency official. He was interested in discussing the project. He reported that Mr. Colby at his second meeting with the Commission had discussed matters with them that were not contained in the allegations but which bore some degree of sensitivity. Among these, according to the senior CIA official, he discussed the project. Sometime after that meeting, the Director was phoned by the Chairman of the Commission in that project since some allegation had been made that a staff employee had died by reason of drug experimentation. The senior CIA official me the file material that he had on this incident as reported by the Office of Security. He went on to say that there were no records available on the project as to how it came into being or the nature of its purpose, and he wondered if I had such information. I advised that I thought that I probably did not but would review our material to see if such were the case. After leaving the senior CIA official around 10 o'clock and arriving at my office, I found a file entitled project lying on my desk as placed there by my secretary who had found the same in my private safe. This file contained a miscellany of material relating to the project for the years 1952-1958 at which time the record ends. I subsequently met with an Agency physician and then later in the day with a senior CIA official.

2. On learning of the existence of this file, I reviewed the material contained therein but did not perform a detailed scrutiny. I then invited a CIA physician in and advised him of my meeting with the senior CIA official that morning and the existence and presence of my file on the project. I told him that I wanted him to be aware of the file and also of its contents, and I requested that he read the material contained therein. I stated that it was my intention after he read the material to the senior CIA official aware of the file's existence. I also stated that it was my intention to make available to the senior CIA official copies of those documents that recorded the early history of those organizational developments pertaining to the project. I stated that I also intended to advise the senior CIA official that the file contained other information -- technical in nature -- along with the identities of some individuals, and that I intended not to make this information available to him but would make him aware of its existence. I stated that if he, a CIA physician, after reading the file would have any additional views, I would appreciate his advice.

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3. The CIA physician indicated later in the day that he had read the file over and that he had paperclipped those items that he thought were of some significance in documenting the record of the early project history. He was in agreement with my approach and had no further suggestions to make. I then made an appointment to see the senior CIA official and took the file in its entirety with me.

4. In the meeting with the senior CIA official I advised him that my file contained a variety of information pertaining to project and that apparently any information relating to the Project that had come my way during the years 1952-1958 had been filed by previous secretaries in this one file location. As such, the file contained copies of documents relating to the early founding of the project and some of its developmental features, at least developmental questions. The file also contained technical information which was of a reporting nature to our Medical Office. I stated that I intended to make copies available to him of the documents pertaining to the early history. I also stated that I felt that I had responsibility for protecting individuals who had participated in the project in earlier days and did intend to safeguard such information. The senior CIA official advised that the Committee on which I served had similar feelings and were not inclined to reveal identities but were inclined to make references in terms of IDEN A, IDEN B, etc., with some basic reference document containing true identities held in custody by the Agency. With his agreement, I then proceeded to show him the project file. This was not done in detail. I merely showed him the general content of material with examples of material that I proposed to make available and examples of material I proposed not to make available. He was accepting of this approach. I also noted that the material was labeled TOP SECRET and felt obliged to retain that level of classification in providing him with documentation. At this point, he phoned the Inspector General and advised him that the project file was available in my custody and that I proposed to make material available to him and wondered if the level of classification would provide any problem. Apparently, the senior CIA official was assured that such classification as not a problem, and it was agreed at that point that I would proceed as planned.

5. On returning to my office, I met again with the CIA physician and briefed him as to the foregoing. I asked the CIA physician to review the file once more and to identify those documents that

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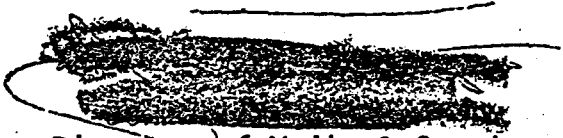
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would provide the background information on the project. I suggested he do this at a more deliberate pace since there did not seem to be any need for an immediate deadline. The CIA physician agreed to this and he got together with me again on the 5th of February, having studied the file in greater detail and paperclipped those documents that he thought satisfied the request and my stipulations. I accepted the CIA physician's judgment and asked that he get together with my secretary to make two copies of those documents paperclipped and also to prepare a covering memorandum that was appropriate for the transfer of this information. (One set of documents was to be retained for our records and the other set to be forwarded through A-DD/A to the Inspector General.) It was also understood that the document would be prepared and transported in accordance with TOP SECRET procedures.

6. This task was accomplished. I asked the CIA physician prepare a Memorandum for the Record as to his participation in these events and to provide a copy of that memorandum, along with a copy of the material that had just been documented as part of the project file. I stated that I would prepare a Memorandum for the Record as to my contributions in this matter and would show it to him before it also would be placed in the project file.



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