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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Director on MHCHAOS, 5 December 1972

Participants: The Director, Executive Director, Deputy Director for Plans, Assistant Deputy Director for Plans, and Richard Ober

1. The Director was briefed on several questions raised by the Inspector General's recent review of the [REDACTED] area and on the practices being followed in the collection and dissemination of MHCHAOS information.

2. The Director provided the following guidance on MHCHAOS and related matters:

- A. The DCI emphasized the importance of the Agency continuing to follow its policy of not conducting investigations of or supplying information on employees of other U.S. Government agencies.
- B. Concern about MHCHAOS by some CIA personnel:
 - (1) MHCHAOS is a legitimate counterintelligence function of the Agency and cannot be stopped simply because some members of the organization do not like this activity.
 - (2) Those officers concerned in the DDP should continue their efforts to explain the legitimacy of the MHCHAOS program in the best way possible to those officers in the Agency who are concerned about it.

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C. Duplication of collection by CIA and FBI:

- (1) The responsibility for MHCHAOS collection from liaison services abroad rests with CIA. CIA will approach the FBI to attempt to have the FBI discontinue its practice of levying requirements for this type of collection directly through the legal attaches as well as through CIA.
- (2) CIA should be discriminating in its acceptance of MHCHAOS requirements from the FBI.

D. Intelligence Evaluation Committee:

Under present circumstances, CIA should minimize its contribution to this effort with the expectation that this organization may disappear.

E. Combatting terrorism:

To a maximum extent possible, Ober should become identified with the subject of terrorism inside the Agency as well as in the Intelligence Community.


Richard Ober