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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

SUBJECT : Request for Definition of "Dissidents"

1. Recommendation 17 of the Rockefeller Commission Report states as follows:

"All files on individuals accumulated by the Office of Security in the program relating to dissidents should be identified, and, except where necessary for legitimate foreign intelligence activity, be destroyed at the conclusion of the current congressional investigations, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law."

2. Progress by the Office of Security toward fully implementing this recommendation has been frustrated in the absence of a legal definition of "dissidents" in specific context of the Commission Report. We therefore request that the Office of General Counsel address Recommendation 17 and provide the Office with a definition appropriate to this purge requirement.

3. We would appreciate a reply to our request at your earliest convenience so that we may effectively proceed with implementation of Recommendation 17.

Acting Director of Security

cc: EO-DD/A

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