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MEMORANDUM TO : Executive Secretary
CIA Management Committee

SUBJECT : Loan of Television System to Secret Service
for Use at Democratic and Republican National
Conventions in 1972

1. The attached ^{ORD} summary reports the loan of television equipment by the Agency to the Secret Service for use during the Democratic and Republican National Conventions last year. The equipment was for use in helicopter aerial surveillance, primarily for crowd control. The assumption is that it was used for that purpose. The equipment was recovered in November 1972.

2. The transaction seems a straightforward arrangement, related to the legal responsibility of the Secret Service. However, the fact that the Agency provided the equipment for use in a domestic political situation could be presented in a different light.

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