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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit to Mr. Harvey J. Wexler, Continental Air Services, Inc.

1. On 16 April 1970, Mr.  Office of Security, and I called on Mr. Wexler in reference to the allegation that he had confirmed to a NEWSWEEK reporter that Air America is owned by CIA.

2. Mr. Wexler denied that he had made such a statement and said that this was an unfortunately not infrequent ploy on the part of newspaper people. He said that on some occasions the newspapers would come to him telling him what another airline had said about Continental and asking Continental's opinion about another airline. He said that he has had enough experience to never discuss another carrier's business with any representative of the press.

3. I explained to Mr. Wexler that the Agency's response to all inquiries of this nature is "no comment", and that in view of this, we could not appreciate anyone else with whom we are doing business giving their opinions to the press. I did not confirm that Air America is owned or controlled by CIA, but, of course, this is purely academic since there is no question but what he is knowledgeable. The meeting was brief and friendly.

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