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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Brief Description of my Appearance Before the  
Princeton Graduate School Forum, 2 March '66.

1. I thought this went off well, and the audience -- which was full house, perhaps 150 grad students with a smattering of faculty -- seemed genuinely interested in what I had to say on estimates, estimating, and how all this fits into policy-making problems. Questions from the floor after my talk were all courteous enough, and most of them actually related to the subject of my remarks -- that is to say the intellectual process and problems involved in our line of work. There is clearly, in this generation of students, a widespread composite image of the CIA man as politically reactionary, non- or anti-intellectual, given to overthrowing governments at the free-wheeling whim of the Agency, and free to spend much of his time drinking martinis in bed with blondes. I think an exposition of an intellectually respectable process, such as I gave, with emphasis on the fact we deal in intelligence and not policy, and that we serve rather than dictate to the duly elected executive branch of the government helped correct this image. At least I was so assured by a number of the audience and by the Master of the Graduate College, Mr. Blum, after the proceedings.

A few pointed questions about operations were asked, and I had no difficulty in giving evasive answers, referring the questioner to respectable published works (e.g. Abel's Missile Crisis) or simply saying I was not prepared to discuss the subject.



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