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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: John William Chancellor

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. The President announced at his press conference at 1230 today that he had appointed John Chancellor to be the new Director of the Voice of America.
3. Mr. Chancellor was born in Chicago on 14 July 1927. He was a reporter for the CHICAGO SUN-TIMES and joined the National Broadcasting Corporation News Staff in 1950. In the latter job he has served in Vienna, London, Moscow, Brussels, and New York, before becoming the NBC White House correspondent on 19 November 1964.
4. Mr. Chancellor narrated the 4 May 1965 NBC program entitled "The Science of Spying," which he closed with these remarks:

"As citizens of the United States, in the second half of this Century, we are learning to live with some uncomfortable realities. We live in a sort of ethical co-existence with our nuclear warheads and missiles because we acknowledge the inevitability of their possession. Given the state of the world, and our position in it, it was inevitable that we acquired these awful weapons.

What all of us may not realize, however, is that we have created another weapons system of secret and subversive action. This too, given the state of the world, may have been inevitable. We have created elaborate safeguards against the mis-use of the warheads, but the warheads are in reserve. The CIA is not. It is on active duty in a constant, secret, dirty war. Safeguards in this area are less effective. The problem we have is how to reconcile the necessity of the CIA with its secret offenses against our public morality. It's getting more and more difficult to be an American these days, and there doesn't seem to be much that we can do about it."

5. As a member of the staff of NBC's "Today" program Mr. Chancellor was also involved in another production devoted to CIA. On 8 January 1962, in an interview with Andrew Tully to discuss the latter's book, "CIA, the Inside Story," Mr. Chancellor concluded:

"The interesting thing about the CIA is that it does an awful lot of good things--we can't always know what they are--and so that sometimes when the critical things come out, the kind of society ours is people pounce on that."

Assistant to the Director

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cc: DDCI
Ex Dir-Compt.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs

Jack:

I note in your 16 July report of contacts with representatives of public media that you advised [redacted] that we did not permit speakers to address Naval Reserve units. This is incorrect. Would you please check with the Director of Training, who has responsibility for providing external speakers, and make sure that the two of you are coordinated on Agency policy. If there is any further question about it, I would be very glad to talk with both of you.

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