

13 August 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

SUBJECT : [redacted]

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1. Dean Acheson telephoned Mr. Helms about three weeks ago to recommend our serious consideration of [redacted] who, because of differences of opinion on policy matters, will retire from the Department of State about the end of September. At Mr. Helms' request I interviewed [redacted] on 12 August 1965. Attached are some self-explanatory papers about him. (I believe you already have a file resulting from an interview with [redacted])

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2. I found [redacted] to be quite personable and keen. He apparently has other job possibilities but is sincerely interested in CIA. He was quite candid in saying that he had had his differences of opinion with various policy-makers in the Department of State, currently Assistant Secretary Williams, and that it was for this reason that he was retiring. He associates himself with the Achesonian policy rather than some of the policies advocated by the Department today. This applies particularly to Africa and the Near and Middle East. He supports very strongly most if not all of the other policies of the Department today. He would be interested in an assignment either on the operational or substantive side and could live either here or abroad.

3. I believe that [redacted] years of age. He is a [redacted] He regards as the most interesting his service in [redacted] where, in part because of his relationship to [redacted] he established a very large number of [redacted] contacts which he said he has maintained. His interest in [redacted] is almost certainly greater than in any other area, and it is in this area that he thinks he could make a contribution. (He told me that he knew [redacted] quite well as a result of his service in [redacted])

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4. I told [redacted] that his background and experience were certainly interesting to us. At the same time, I outlined our general difficulties in employing people of his age. This he fully appreciated. I assured him that the papers which he submitted would be considered by senior personnel in the Agency who might possibly utilize his services and that I would be in touch with him again sometime between now and 1 September.

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5. While there is no pressure to find a position for Mr. Helms is interested in the outcome of this case. Please insure that you coordinate with Cord Meyer and Tracy Barnes, among others, and submit a report by 30 August.

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/s/ L. K. White

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