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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Inquiry From James Angleton

1. Mr. Angleton telephoned me Wednesday afternoon at about 1640, and we talked to about 1700. He said that he phoned me as my name had been given in the letter to him from the DDCI as being a point of contact for getting answers to questions of security that might arise in his testimony before HSCA. I can phone him on KE 8-4348.

2. I said that I do sit astride traffic between the HSCA and the Agency, and that while I am in a position to get answers from the appropriate people in question, and would undertake to do so, I am not necessarily competent to provide the answers myself. I pointed out that we were speaking at the end of the day before Thanksgiving, and I may experience some problems in getting a response quickly. He said that he is in no hurry, although I am sure that he will want a fairly early answer.

3. He complained about not having been given notice of the Hart testimony, obviously feeling himself a party at interest. I made no reply. He inquired who nominated Hart to testify. I did not say, but I did say that when it became apparent that the Committee was getting into the bona fides issue on Nosenko and the manner of his handling, we sought a hearing in executive session. This was denied us and when a name was requested for the Committee's public hearing, John Hart was nominated as qualified to speak on the subject.

4. Angleton said that the testimony had opened up a number of doors. I replied that it had been the Agency's intention to limit the scope of the testimony. We wanted to hold testimony away from the issue of what Nosenko told us, as there remained operational considerations. The decision was to refer to the bugging of the embassy in Moscow and to refer to Soviet penetration of an ally, without

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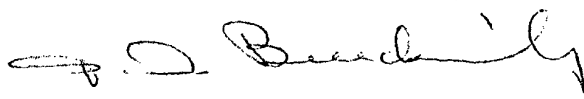
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specifying it. Beyond that the issues were held to the handling of Nosenko as it bore on the case in general. I said that the intent had been to point to doors and not to open them, and that this was how it had been done. I said that there would still be reservations about telling this Committee about the operational considerations. In any event, I said I was not competent to give him answers on this, and would have to contact both the General Counsel and the responsible DDO elements.

5. Angleton said that Hart had stated that he (Angleton) had inspected the facility where Nosenko was held; he said this was untrue. He also said that Angleton had approved hostile interrogation of Nosenko, which he said was untrue. He says he didn't even know about the Katzenbach meeting. As I could not recall these statements I did not reply; I do recall Hart's saying to me that there is very little by way of records connecting Angleton with the handling of the case. Angleton described Hart's statements as slanderous and perjured.

6. Angleton wishes to review certain documents in the Agency. He is making a line-by-line review of HSCA records, including checking his own testimony of some six hours. He is to give HSCA a line-by-line commentary. It is this question that must be addressed.

7. Angleton complains about having to retain an attorney, whom he named as Wallace Duncan. I alerted Dick Rininger of OGC.



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