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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : HSCA and Shevchenko

1. I met with Mr. Blakey and Mr. Cornwell at 1630 yesterday afternoon at the HSCA offices to discuss their meeting with Shevchenko.

2. I said that Shevchenko had made three requests, which had been relayed to me as follows:

a. He wanted any appearance before the Committee to be in executive session. I had replied that at this time it was probable that he would be interviewed only, but that his request could be accommodated.

b. He wanted his attorney present. I had replied that the rules of the Committee permitted this.

c. He wanted "interrogatories" in advance. I had replied that this would be difficult, as questions would arise from answers, but that I would request that there be some advance indication of the subject matter.

3. I told Messrs. Blakey and Cornwell that arrangements for the interview should be through Shevchenko's attorney, whose name, address and telephone number I passed to Mr. Blakey on a slip of paper as follows:

William A. Geimar
Nelson and Harding
1101 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
457-0120

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I said that Mr. Geimar expected a call from Mr. Blakey, and that I had been informed that Shevchenko was available during



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this week. Meetings would be at Mr. Geimar's office.

4. Mr. Blakey asked why I had not passed this information by telephone. I replied that we did not wish to discuss arrangements for meeting with Shevchenko by telephone or in writing. It was my understanding that Shevchenko currently prefers to resettle in this country under his new name, which may hold some uncertainties for him, but this seems his present intent. They asked if he was still in his apartment, to which I replied that I did not know, observing that we were not in a position to exercise any control over his decisions at this point--he has a green card and is no longer under parole to us, he has independent financial means at this time, and reportedly is something of a stubborn man. Mr. Blakey observed that they had best interview him quickly if they are to do so at all, indicating that Shevchenko is somewhat exposed, and laughed. I responded that while this may be somewhat macabre humor there may be something in what he said.

5. Nothing else was discussed.

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