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INSPECTOR GENERAL
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Coordination and Review Staff
Office of Legislative Counsel

FROM : Scott D. Breckinridge
Deputy Inspector General

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SUBJECT : HSCA Review of [Redacted] Report

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1. I would like to start by observing that Mr. Blakey has made what I consider to be an incorrect characterization of the [Redacted] Report, in stating that it "concerns itself only with individual CIA employees or with internal CIA actions." This is stated by Mr. Blakey to be his understanding of the basis for an Agency position that the [Redacted] Report is therefore not relevant to the HSCA interests. My reservations about the above characterization is that it does cite information that relates to the HSCA. While the [Redacted] which is a matter of necessary interest to the HSCA. While the [Redacted] is "an evaluative study of the individual attitudes and actions of senior Agency officials..." and "was prepared long after an official Agency position had been decided and solely for internal purposes..." it necessarily contains other information. This must be apparent to Mr. Blakey and if the final decision is to deny the report the rationale for doing so might be stated somewhat differently.

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2. I had not understood that the HSCA had already been shown earlier DDO/CI and DDA/OS studies [Redacted] Having done this tends to dilute arguments of revealing the basic thrust of the [Redacted] to the HSCA, if considerations of sensitivity and sources-and-methods are to control.

3. OIG, for its reports, has tried to establish a principle that exempts them from external distribution. This is done with the rationale that protection of the reports preserves the unique function of confidentiality that assures the quality of IG investigations and reports. However, there have been some exceptions to this in special situations: the MKULTRA annex to the 1963 TSD report was released in toto; sections treating the mail program were released from a CI Staff survey; and an EYES ONLY memorandum on MHCHAOS in connection with the 1972 survey of EUR Division was released. These were released in classified form to the Rockefeller Commission and Church Committee investigators. [Redacted] Report a rationale similar to that developed for IG reports must experience

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some difficulty when it is realized that earlier detailed studies on the same subject have already been revealed.

4. Because our position is already partially compromised, partly by earlier disclosures and partly by some flaws in our rationale, I would prefer establishing a more flexible position. Still use all the arguments, but offer access to the report here to only one member of the staff, subsequent to its sanitization to remove the references to the individual employees who were involved. Since my comments come somewhat after the fact they may prove irrelevant, and may reflect the deficiencies in my current understanding of where things stand.

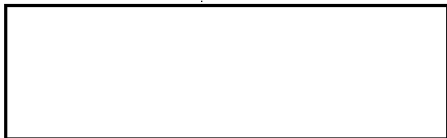
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