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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

I met with Samuel P. Reed, President, Engelhard Hanovia, Inc., and Alvin Josephy, Jr., Editor in Chief/Magazines for Engelhard Hanovia, Inc., on 3 November in New York, concerning their interest to publish some articles on American intelligence.

Mr. Josephy, acting as spokesman, described their interest in commissioning a historian/writer to do one or possibly more articles giving some historical perspective to the development of American intelligence service. American Heritage is mindful of the legitimate concern that the CIA would have for the protection of sensitive information, but they are interested in selecting a case study, as it were, to illustrate and add interest to the article. For our part, I expressed both our appreciation for their understanding of the sensitivities involved and our willingness to be of assistance in serious research for the purpose of producing a serious piece of writing on an important subject.

We agreed that the subject of intelligence contribution to the handling of the Cuban missile crisis in 1962 would be appropriate, particularly since the history of the intelligence work on that occasion has not really been written in any meaningful fashion.

We discussed also some other areas of their possible interest, such as an article on secrecy in a democratic society. They are in principle very interested in pursuing the entire area of American intelligence at some length, but we agreed that we would concentrate for the time being on the first article which would give the perspective of the development of the contemporary intelligence community, using the missile crisis as the principal illustration.

I told Messrs. Reed and Josephy that I would be in touch with them as soon as I am able to present to them more concretely our capacity for assistance in this project.



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