

26 June 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Chairman, Fine Arts Commission

Jim:

I won't be here Tuesday for the Museum meeting, but attached is a memo I propose you send to Bill Colby. I've sent drafts of it to [REDACTED]. Both concurred, subject to a couple of changes which I've already made.

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As a cover for the attached memoranda I suggest, in addition, an informal note to Colby from you, saying something like the following:

Dear Bill:

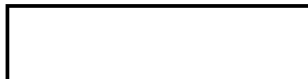
We had hoped to be able to come up with a specific suggestion of someone who should head up the museum/historical preservation effort which is discussed in the attached somewhat more formal paper. The best suggestion we've come up with for an historical material czar is Hugh Cunningham, who seems to be exactly the kind of senior officer who would provide the personal reassurance this program will need that carefully guarded devices (particularly those of the DDS&T and the DDP) won't rashly be declassified just so they can be exhibited. Jack [REDACTED] talked to Hugh in these terms, and learned that although Hugh would be interested he'll be retiring soon and he's already overly involved in other possible assignments dealing with history, archives, and the larger issues of declassification. I note a kinship between these topics, which in turn interrelate to the problem at hand, the problem of conserving important historical material and declassifying and exhibiting it when these latter actions are appropriate. I therefore hope that this informal suggestion that Hugh be worked into the historical material program as the man in charge can be accommodated into any plans that are being made for him.

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If you generally agree with the approach we have taken in the attached paper we will be glad to make further recommendations about personnel, if you want, although I feel that at this point recommendations from the deputy directors, for which the paper provides, would be more appropriate.

We are proceeding with the Cuban missile crisis exhibit, timed for the 10th anniversary of the crisis, but will turn it over to an historical material commission of one is formed.



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