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Correspondence on R. R. Mullen Company to the FBI by Security

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Sam:

Things moved somewhat faster than I was aware of. Attached hereto is the memorandum that we provided the Office of Security yesterday afternoon (Tab A, C/CCB, 20 June 72). It outlines our relationship with the Robert R. Mullen Company and with General Foods Corporation. Based on our memorandum, the Office of Security prepared 3 separate memoranda on the Robert R. Mullen Company, General Foods Corporation and the Association of National Advertisers and CIF. (Tabs B, C and D)

I understand from the Office of Security that the Executive Director-Comptroller authorized the release of the 3 memoranda to the Acting Director of the FBI just this morning.

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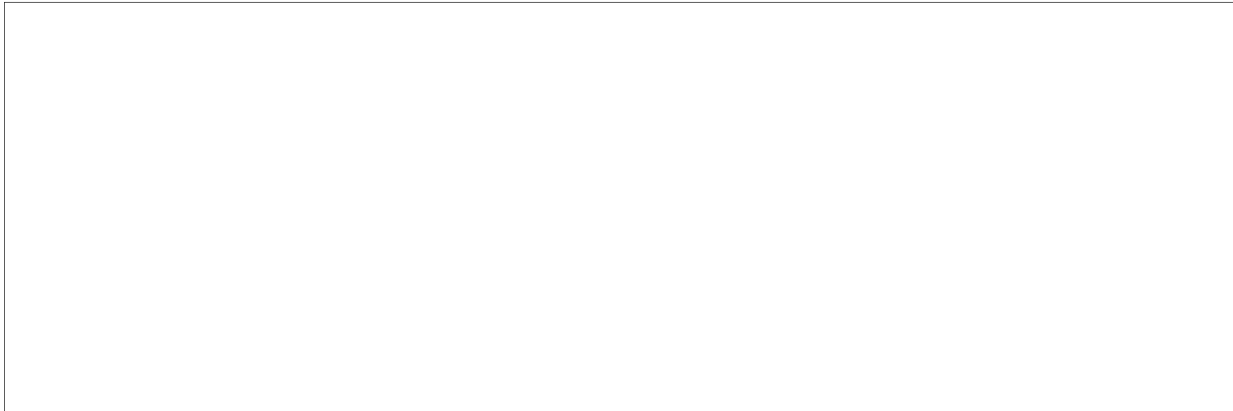
MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Security

ATTENTION : Fred Evans

SUBJECT : CIA Utilization of the Robert R. Mullen Company

1. The utilization of Robert R. Mullen and Company dates back to June 1963 and grew out of the recommendation of Mr. [redacted] a long time cooperative CIA asset. Mr. Mullen has provided cover for the following:

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2. In addition, Mr. Mullen was instrumental in the formation of the Cuban Freedom Committee at the request of Mr. Richard Bissell. Mr. Mullen managed to keep a low profile in this committee and avoided public identification with it, except that his company prepared some brochures for the committee. Also he was the original owner of the Intercontinental Research Company, Inc.. [redacted] for its [redacted] and [redacted] became one of the first casualties of [redacted] Mr. Mullen's name did not surface in that context.

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3. As of 1 May 1970, Mr. E. Howard Hunt, who had just retired from CIA, became a legitimate employee of Mr. Mullen. Mr. Hunt was an overt CIA employee from November 1949 - December 1950; November 1953 - January 1954; October 1956 - January 1957; and July 1960 - September 1966. In July 1971, Mr. Hunt informed Central Cover Staff that he had been assigned to the President's White House Staff but continued to devote part of his time to the Mullen Company. Mr. Hunt is aware of [redacted] present cover placements under Robert R. Mullen and Company.

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4. Another part-time employee, [redacted] Mullen's bookkeeper and accountant, is a retired CIA finance officer.

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5. Aside from a brief use of correspondents in France and Tokyo in the past, the Mullen Company's overseas efforts have been largely in the service of providing CIA cover.

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6. Central Cover Staff records reveal no compromise of CIA's continuing use of Mr. Mullen and his company. Investigation of Mr. Mullen's activities abroad would reveal the opening and closing of Mullen branch offices in [redacted]

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[redacted] and the current employment of staff agents [redacted] and [redacted]. The staff agent currently under cover [redacted] has uninterrupted employment with the Mullen Company for almost eight years. Since 1963, [redacted] of the Mullen Company have been cleared and made witting.

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7. Central Cover Staff has no knowledge of Mullen's connections with the Association of National Advertisers or CIF. INTERPROGRES is a new subsidiary of the Mullen Company formed in 1971 as a result of contacts developed at the Zagreb Trade Fair in Yugoslavia. It is a pilot operation aimed at expanding east-west commercial relationships. Both present [redacted] have tangential tasks of promoting the acceptance of this company as a Mullen subsidiary.

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8. Mullen has as one of its clients the General Foods Corporation headquartered in White Plains, New York. This firm has provided cover for the following:

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Over the years because of personnel changes, [redacted] of the General Foods Corporation have been cleared. Needless to say, General Foods Corporation is not aware of our cover use of the Mullen Company nor is Mullen aware of our use of General Foods.

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