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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Potential Impact of GAO Investigation on QRPOOL

1. On 16 August 1985, Messrs. [redacted], [redacted], OGC, and [redacted], DO/PPS, met with Mr. Neil Sherr, Office of Special Investigation (OSI), Justice Department. The subject of the meeting was the case of Mr. Mykola LEBED, who is cited in the General Accounting Office (GAO) report as having allegedly been a Nazi collaborator during World War II and was one of several such persons who were assisted by U.S. intelligence agencies to settle in the United States after the war. (See MFR of 9 August on the same subject.)

2. Mr. LEBED has served, since 1952 until his retirement in 1979, as principal agent for one of our proprietaries, QRPOOL, and since then has continued association with the operation as a part-time advisor. The purpose of the meeting at OSI was to inform Mr. Sherr of Agency concerns for a potential compromise of QRPOOL activity if any further publicity results from legitimate investigations or public hearings.

3. At the outset, [redacted] assured Mr. Sherr that the purpose of our visit was not to influence in any way any legitimate investigation which OSI may deem necessary in the case of Mr. LEBED, but rather our primary and sole concern is for the security of our proprietary operations and that we wished to communicate that concern to OSI so that appropriate steps are taken to prevent undue exposure.

4. Mr. Sherr assured Agency representatives that care will be taken to protect the security of the Agency proprietary if and when investigation of Mr. LEBED's case is undertaken and that his office will inform Agency representatives of any new development in the case. Mr. Sherr also added that he doubts that there will

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be any in-depth inquiry into Mr. LEBED's background for lack of hard evidence, and that he has opined to Congressman Rodino's staff that proposed public hearings of cases cited in the GAO report would be superfluous.

5. Agency representatives informed Mr. Sherr that we also intend to inform our oversight committees in Congress on this matter and voice our concerns for the security of the proprietary operation.

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