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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTENTION: Special Agent John T. Aldhizer, III

FROM: Sidney D. Stembridge  
Acting Director of Security

SUBJECT: Letter from Mr. Gordon Novel dated  
3 April 1979 to Mr. Howard Osborn

1. The attached letter from Gordon Novel to Howard Osborn, former CIA Director of Security, has been reviewed by the CIA Office of General Counsel. It is the opinion of the Office of General Counsel that the letter contains a threat of blackmail on Novel's part and they have recommended that the matter be referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for consideration of further investigation and possible prosecution.

2. The memorandum from the Office of General Counsel dated 19 April 1979, which provides background on Mr. Gordon Novel and his civil suit entitled Novel vs. Louisiana Expo, Inc., wherein Mr. Howard J. Osborn was named as a defendant, is also enclosed for your information.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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Sidney D. Stembridge

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