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17 May 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with PAO re "Widows"

1. On 17 May 1989, the undersigned contacted Bill Devine, Public Affairs Office, concerning "Widows" and the Kronthal case. Bill related that he had several calls from news services concerning Kronthal's Agency employment and Corson's allegations of connections with the Agency. The PAO stance at present is Corson has never been employed or connected with the Agency.

2. The undersigned also spoke with Sharon Basso, PAO, regarding Corson and Kronthal. It was related to Basso that Corson may have received a commendation memo from the Agency, along with three other military officers, [redacted] (b)(1) [redacted] and is a far cry from being an Agency source (b)(3) or employee.

3. Basso stated she had been contacted by representatives of the ABC show "20/20". They plan to air a segment on "Widows" on Friday, 19 May, at 10pm. "20/20" was asking information concerning Corson and Paisley. She stated that, based on the 1953 acknowledgement of Kronthal's Agency employment to the newspapers after his death, PAO would continue to acknowledge his employment.

4. I have contacted [redacted] and requested a copy (b)(3) of the "20/20" segment for SAD.

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