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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Press Contacts on ABM-Related Matters

1. Per your instructions, I talk fairly frequently on Vietnamese matters with a reasonably broad spectrum of reporters, columnists and other members of the press. These conversations are all handled through and/or arranged by Mr. Goodwin's office. Again on your instructions, I maintain a continuing social relationship with Mr. Joseph Alsop with whom I talk about matters related to Vietnam.

2. My contacts with the press deal solely with background data, interpretations of Vietnamese Communist thinking, and other nonclassified and non-sensitive aspects of the Vietnam problem. I have no professional responsibilities for any matters in any way related to the ABM issue and as a matter of deliberate personal policy keep myself in a state of ignorance on the technical details involved in the current ABM debate. I have not read or seen or discussed any of the national estimates or other recent intelligence papers dealing with this problem. At no time and in no way have I ever talked about ABM-related matters to any member of the press or any other unauthorized person or, for that matter, to any person at all outside the Agency.

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