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5 December 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with James Angleton,  
30 November 1979

1. Angleton called to tell me he had had a telephone conversation with "Pete" Bagley earlier in the week. Angleton had initiated the call with the objective of informing Bagley that the latter had been quoted in the London Times as having said that in the early fifties a deputy chief of MI-5 was suspected of being a KGB agent. According to Angleton, Bagley denied having made such a statement to any reporter. Furthermore, Bagley told Angleton he intended to write the London Times denying he was the source of the quotation and asking that his denial be published.

2. Then Angleton began telling me a very complicated story involving Michael Gillard of Grenada Films and his call on Scotty Miler and Ray Rocca asking for their comments on Mann and his role in the Burgess/Maclean affair. Angleton claims to have advised Miler and Rocca not to cooperate with Gillard. Angleton also believes that Col. Corson(Ret.) directed Gillard to Miler and Rocca.

3. Finally, Angleton told me that a retired MI-6 officer (unnamed) had called him on the phone to seek his counsel on whether or not he, the MI-6 officer, should have anything to do with John Hart. The implication here is that Hart is getting himself involved in matters that he should not be. I told Angleton that I did not believe that Hart was interfering [redacted] in any way. He responded that I was not well informed and we dropped the matter.

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4. At some point in the conversation Angleton noted that Epstein had been calling on the phone repeatedly, but that he, Angleton, refused to talk to him. I took this opportunity to tell Angleton that Epstein was quoting him as the source of information on a Polish defector, etc. Angleton denied that he was the source of that information.

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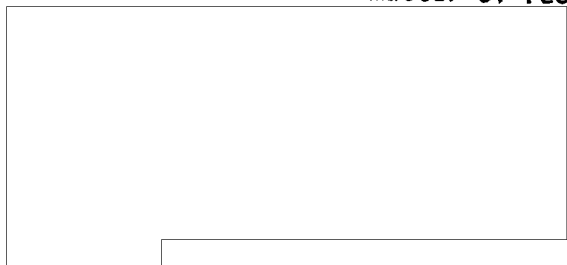
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with James J. Angleton,  
20 November 1979/Scali

1. Angleton called me late in the evening to recount his conversations with newsman, John Scali, during the day of 20 November. According to Angleton, Scali began phoning him early on Tuesday to announce that a discussion of Boyer's book would be included on the 20/20 television program to be telecast on 22 November. The involvement of both Blunt and Mann in espionage would be part of the program. Angleton claims he warned Scali that reference to Mann and any allegation that Mann was connected with espionage in the past would surely be libelous. Angleton also claims to have told Scali that Mann's loyalty to the U.S. is beyond any doubt. Finally, although invited to by Scali, Angleton refused to participate on the program or give any help to Scali in putting the program together.

2. From the conversation with Scali, Angleton deduced that Scali may be relying on (ret.) Col. William Corson, USMC for guidance in the matter.

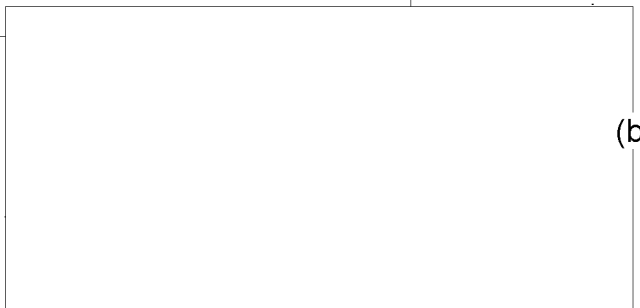
3. I told Angleton I would make our conversation a matter of record.



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19 November 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with James Angleton

1. James J. Angleton called at noon on 19 November to advise me that he had given a statement to the London Daily Telegraph this morning. He stated that his statement was designed to:

a. Compliment British Intel for having identified Blunt years ago as part of the Philby complex.

b. Question the British government's move now against Blunt to whom it had granted immunity years ago. This type of hacking away from earlier commitments is bad.

c. Say good things about Mann.

2. Purpose of Angleton's call was to ensure that Agency had the facts and to avoid any misunderstandings if the British press garbled his statement.

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