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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT : CIA Use of Robert R. Mullen and
Company Cover [redacted]

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1. [redacted] CIA placed a CIA officer [redacted] under Robert R. Mullen and Company cover. when we became aware that this fact might be publicized, we removed the officer [redacted]

2. As a result of recent legislative inquiries to Agency regarding Agency use of Robert R. Mullen and Company cover, information was passed to staff members of the Congressional Watergate Committee outlining our utilization of that cover. On 1 February we became aware that the Washington Post and the New York Times had obtained outlines of CIA use of Robert R. Mullen and Company cover, and that the information would likely be published. We consequently instructed our [redacted] to brief the American Ambassador and with his concurrent security officials [redacted] [redacted] briefed the American Ambassador and subsequently [redacted] who has briefed appropriate security officials [redacted]

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security officials were relaxed about the disclosure and commented that the revelation was the price of democracy. They volunteered further that because the Robert R. Mullen and Company office [redacted]

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it would make it easier for them to handle. A factor that will hopefully contribute to a minimal reaction from the [redacted]

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[redacted] is that the officer was not engaged in any operations [redacted]

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All operations handled by the officer were compatible with [redacted]

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Director

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DDO/EA/PMI: [redacted]

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