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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

Per our conversation on Monday.

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Howard J. Osborn  
Director of Security

20 July 1972  
(DATE)

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19 July 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with [redacted]

1. While on leave visiting Disney World in Florida, I dropped in to see [redacted] who lives in Winterhaven, Florida. [redacted] retired from the Agency about five years ago on disability due to a serious heart condition. He was with the Office of Security for about 20 years prior to his retirement.

2. During a private conversation [redacted] told me that he had been interviewed three or four times by the FBI in connection with the McCord-Hunt affair. I asked him why he had been interviewed, and he told me that in late 1971 he had been contacted by Howard Hunt who suggested that he consider an assignment as Security Officer for the Republican Party. [redacted] visited Washington in January 1972 to discuss the proposed position with Howard Hunt who apparently was acting on behalf of the Republican Party. [redacted] furnished a resume to Hunt and discussed the position with him. Ultimately, he decided not to accept the position because he felt that his heart condition would not allow him to become involved in such activity.

3. According to [redacted], during the meeting with Mr. Hunt they discussed some of the requirements of the job. At that time they discussed a need for both a positive and a counteraudio program and a need for a good security system both before and during the National Convention. [redacted] indicated that he sincerely believed that the Republican Party did need a security officer and a good security programmer but felt that he could not afford to accept the job even though it was a very lucrative offer. Apparently, money was not a problem.

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4. When [ ] declined, he indicated that Mr. Hunt asked for any other recommendations he might have. According to [ ] he told Mr. Hunt that most of the people he knew were still in the Agency, but he did furnish the name of [ ] who might be possibly ready to retire from the Agency.

5. [ ] informed me that he assumed that the Bureau obtained his name due to the resume he furnished Mr. Hunt. He said that the Bureau had talked to him on three or four occasions and that he had written up about a 40 page statement concerning his dealings with Mr. Hunt. When asked about Mr. McCord, [ ] said that he really did not know McCord that well and declined any knowledge of Mr. McCord's technical capability:

6. [ ] indicated that he had not been in touch with Mr. Hunt since the early part of 1972 and knew nothing of the Watergate operation. He stated that he had gained the impression from the Bureau interview that the technical devices were being removed at the time of the arrest and were not being installed as originally reported.

7. All of the above information was volunteered by [ ] [ ], and I really did not get involved in any discussion on the matter other than to comment that I hated to see the Agency's name connected with such an incident in any way. The above conversation took place during a 10 or 15 minute period and no other discussion relating to this incident was held. It is being reported for the record and for information of the Director of Security.

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