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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Letter to DCI Colby from Ambassador Helms Transmitting
A Query from a Mr. Harold H. Dorland

- 1. Mr. Dorland queried Ambassador Helms about a meeting on 22 November 1963 between E. Howard Hunt, former Executive Director-Comptroller Lyman Kirkpatrick and Helms concerning, said Dorland, a second invasion of Cuba.
- 2. Officials of the Western Hemisphere Division were unable to shed any light on such a meeting. They did suggest the names of four persons who might be knowledgeable. Of these one, Desmond Fitzgerald, is deceased; another, Bruce Cheever, is retired and living in Phoenix, Arizona. The other two, and have been interviewed and not only have no knowledge of any such meeting but doubt that it ever occurred.
- 3. Walter Pforzheimer was next contacted to see if such a meeting was referred to by E. Howard Hunt in his book on the Bay of Pigs, "Give us this day." Walter checked his records and index and reported that no such meeting was cited in Hunt's book.
- 4. A check was made of Mr. Kirkpatrick's diary for the cited date (plus a week on each side of it) with negative results. A search of Security indices and Agency records was conducted and revealed that there had been previous correspondence between Mr. Dorland and the Agency (copies attached). It appears the Director has at least two options regarding this matter. He can ignore it since it did not initially come to him, or he can have Thuermer's office answer it as was done before, explaining that the letter was forwarded to CIA by Ambassador Helms. The first option would seem to be preferable as replies to Mr. Dorland only seem to inspire further correspondence.

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June 17, 1974

Mr. William E. Colby Director of Central Intelligence

Dear Bill:

This will acknowledge your note of 11 June which $94/5^{2}$ enclosed the one from Peter Deuel. You are most thoughtful to send his letter along and to write as you did. I deeply appreciate it.

I enclose a letter which I received in the mail today and which I have no intention of answering. I send it to you, because I have no idea what kind of a fishing expedition this is or what event gives rise to it. Mr. Dorland is not known to me.

It would be just great if you could pay us a visit out here. It would be time well spent, and I for one would be delighted to see you and have a chance for a good, old-fashioned chat.

Cynthia joins in warmest greetings to Barbara and you.

With warm regards,

Cordially,

Richard Helms

Enclosure: As stated

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Dear Ambassador Helms,

Did you participate with E. Howard Hunt and Lyman Kirkpatrick in a meeting held in or near Washington, D. C. on November 22, 1963 concerning a second invasion of Cuba? I would appreciate your response, and if such meeting did, in fact, take place, some detail about the substance.

Sincerely,

Harold H. Dorland

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