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MEMORANDUM FOR: [Redacted] DC/SMS/DDS&T

SUBJECT : POWERS, Gary Francis

REFERENCE : Your Memo, DD/S&T #3066/72, dated 27 October 1972

I read your memorandum with interest regarding Gary Powers' comment or inference that CIA had pressured Lockheed to fire him. For your information this is a lot of bologna. The record is replete with Agency help proffered Powers and Lockheed's desire to help him. In fact, after Lockheed felt it could no longer support Powers, the Agency funded an extension to enable Powers to alleviate his own situation. There are other things that can be said regarding the Government bending over backward to support Powers but there is no need to treat it in this paper since it is in the records. It's too bad a guy like Gary takes the tack that he does in the face of an awful lot of help rendered by Uncle Sam.

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John Parangosky
Chief, Special Projects Staff

cc: Mr. Duckett

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Special Projects Staff
SUBJECT : POWERS, Gary Francis

1. During the week 15-21 October Mr. Powers made an appearance at the "Open Forum" on the campus at California State University, Northridge. Various persons of national interest for political or other reasons are invited to speak and be questioned by students on a relatively informal basis at the "Open Forum." Mr. Powers talked about his experiences and said in the course of his talk that in 1970, two weeks after having submitted his book to CIA for review before publishing, he was laid off at Lockheed. He was asked if he meant that CIA had pressured Lockheed to fire him; his answer was something like "Yes, I do, but you can draw your own conclusions from those facts."

2. The above information was received from [redacted]

[redacted] thought that if Power's statement or inference were true, then CIA had treated badly a man who had done a good job for them.



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