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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Call from [redacted]

[redacted] called me on June 11 with two items.

The first had to do with my request to [redacted] that he review the bidding on the declassification of the recovery group film which, as we understand from [redacted] has been re-examined and downgraded from "Secret" to "For Official Use Only" by SMMIC, SAMSO. [redacted] concern over this matter had to do with a 1965 adjudication by Col Worthman that the film should be classified Secret, the fact that STC was continuing to hold the film at that classification, while all other holders were apparently now free to show the film at the FOUO level.

[redacted] remarked that he had in [redacted] absence looked into the situation and had learned that "all" who had reviewed the film for classification had agreed that it be downgraded to FOUO and that he personally saw no reason why it should not be so downgraded. I indicated that I was surprised to hear this since my earlier discussions with [redacted] indicated that Col Norman had fought tooth and nail to maintain the classification on the film and had evidently been pressured to acquiesce. The fact that Col Norman had defended the classification certainly indicates that "all" were not in favor.

I asked [redacted] if he would check personally with Gen Martin -- that I would not insert the staff into the problem nor attempt to maintain a position that it must remain classified unless General Martin did not agree with the downgrading. Col


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[redacted] indicated he would check with Gen Martin and advise me of his feelings.

The second item had to do with a follow-on action that Col [redacted] had been assigned by Col Norman and had passed on to [redacted]. This item was related to a request of mine to




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