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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

FROM:

David D. Gries

Director, Center for the Study of Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Protecting the Name of Win Scott,

COS Mexico City (S)

1. Members of our Historical Review Group have discussed at length with Don Cryer and Kathy Stricker our proposal to release Win Scott's name. The two sides have agreed to disagree. (S)

2. This is our position:

- Scott's name and position are widely known publicly if not officially acknowledged (David Phillip's book, among other overt publications). (S)
- The review board, soon to be established by the JFK assassination release legislation, will surely demand that we justify withholding Scott's name. Since his name is already in the public domain, the board will probably force us to release it. (S)
- The release of Scott's name and position would not set a precedent, as this project is undertaken in accordance with the special JFK assassination release legislation. (S)
- HR 70-14 reads, in paragraph e (6): "There is a presumption that information that has appeared publicly, including information that the Agency's Publication Review Board has approved for publication even if not confirmed officially, will not damage the national security unless the reviewer can show how official confirmation could reasonably be expected to cause additional damage to the national security." Phillip's book, identifying Scott, was approved for publication by assistant General Counsel John K Greaney, not by the Publication Review Board. (S)

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• The continued withholding of Scott's name, in the face of widespread public knowledge thereof, will undermine credibility of the Agency, since Scott was a major figure in the investigation of Oswald's activity in Mexico City. As you know, Oswald's trip remains a major issue for the conspiracy theorists. (S)

David D. Gries

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