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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : S. D. Breckinridge
Deputy Inspector General

SUBJECT : Request From Dade County, Florida, Law
Enforcement Officers

REFERENCE : OGC Memorandum of 25 August 1976 (Attached)

1. The request of the Dade County, Florida, law enforcement officers, investigating the Roselli murder, presents problems not encountered in similar requests from the SSCI and the FBI. At a meeting yesterday afternoon it was agreed that the problems should be summarized to you, which this undertakes to do.

2. The attached memorandum presents the first request, received orally from the Dade County officers. Section A of paragraph 3 lists nine items, seeking "whatever" information there may be on ^{eight} persons listed (one in pseudonym), and the identity of three others (who are identified in a classified memorandum). Section B requests information on three American citizens. Section C lists a number of questions for which Agency replies are available, although we believe some cannot be released.

3. OGC has undertaken to provide a written opinion that it is proper to provide support to local law enforcement agencies in cases such as this, and that it also is proper to provide information on American citizens. Beyond this ^{general principle, however,} there remain basic decisions as to what can be released in providing that support, involving as it does the identities of persons with whom the Agency had operational relationships, and basic questions of sources and methods, as well as simple classifications. Whatever is released to Dade County police will be

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outside the controls and agreements that obtain in the case of the SSC and the FBI. The problem is not sanitized release in classified form, but declassification for such use as the police may care to make of it. In effect it is an FOIA exercise.

4. Most of the information is in files of the DDO and DJA, with ^{limited} materials in OIG. Information on the persons identified in Section A of paragraph 3 of the request is contained in over 50 volumes of file folders in the DDO file system. The review of the paper would be a major task, predictably resulting in a collection of information that could not for the large part be released in useful form to the police; they are seeking investigative leads, which will require names and associations. The Dade County police cannot be given free access to these files, because of the sources-and-methods ^{consideration} ~~involved~~ involved, a problem that does not exist to the same extent with the FBI; the Bureau has been given access to Office of Security files in connection with its inquiry into the Roselli murder. The consensus of those holding the files is that the security problem is ^{so} significant, and the volume of material such, that in combination this portion of the request should not be approved.

5. Section B of paragraph 3 of the request lists three American citizens. While what we hold is minimal, there is a question of release under the new rules applying to the Agency.

6. On the questions in Section C of the paragraph 3 of the request, the following answers can be considered now, with recommendations on how to treat them:

1. Q. Who is the Cuban who provided the speedboat mentioned in the Senate Select Committee Report?

A. CIA does not have this information. From newspaper reports it is understood that this is contained in testimony by Roselli given the SSC, which may be able to provide it.

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ii. Q. Who is "B-1" and what is the name of the anti-Castro group both of which are mentioned on page 89 of the (SSC) Report.

A. This is Manuel Artina, and his group was known as the Democratic Revolutionary Front.

(Comment. Artina and his group were supported by CIA. He also was used by the Mafia in the Castro operation, and this information should not be released)

iii. Q. Did Harvey actually pay Roselli \$2,700 to defray the Cuban expenses as mentioned on page 84 of the Report?

A. Yes.

(Comment. This can be released).

iv. Q. Why was Roselli approached instead of Giancana or someone else?

A. Because Maheu, to whom the Agency went for help, happened to know Roselli, whose help was sought in establishing the contact.

(Comment. This can be released).

v. Q. Did the Agency do a background check on Roselli and Giancana and, if so, could they (the Dade County police) have access to it?

A. There was no background check. In fact, the identity of these persons was not known for some time.

(Comment. This can be released).

vi. Q. Why was all contact with Roselli stopped in 1965?

A. Contact was broken in 1963 because the operation was terminated and the case officer left the country.

(Comment. This can be released).

vii. Q. Would it be possible for them (the Dade County Police), to talk to the man or men who served as Chief of Station in Miami during 1960 to 1965?

A. This question rests with Agency command levels. It is noted the present ADDO was one of them.

viii. Q. Could they (the Dade County police) talk to the current Chief of Station in Miami?

A. See vii. This is for Agency command decision.

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ix. Q. Would it be possible for the detectives to talk to James P. O'Connell, a retired senior Office of Security employee?

A. This reportedly has been done already, so presumably has been complied with already. It is noted that until now there has been no official confirmation of O'Connell's involvement, although his name has been leaked to the press. How this interview was arranged is not known.

x. Q. Does the CIA have any evidence that the Cuban Intelligence Service may have been involved in Poselli's death or that Cuban agents were in the Miami area at the time of his death?

A. No, to the first part of the question. While it is assumed that the DGI has agents in the Miami area their identity is not known.

(Comment. This answer should be releasable).

4. Paragraph 4 of the OGC memorandum reports Senator Gary Hart's staff assistant, Mr. Inderfurth, urging early declassification of certain Agency memoranda. These reveal the names of persons whose identity should be protected. If they are sanitized for release — by removal of the names — they become meaningless, so far as the Dade County police use of them is concerned.

5. Those of us who have met to consider the problems presented by the request, have some concern over the propriety of a member of the U. S. Senate attempting to use his influence to not only press for CIA support to a local law enforcement agency, but to include classified information to an agency not bound to observe the restrictions usually associated with such information. There is some feeling that uninhibited publication, ^{by the SSC,} of names of those involved in the Castro operations, may have been a factor in some of the deaths that have occurred to date, and that a furtherance of this practice raises grave questions. In any event, in addition to these security questions, it is noted that the current numerous requests that are being received are disrupting other high priority research being done on related matters.

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6-It is the basic reaction of those trying to grapple with the problem that the Agency more appropriately should be cooperating with with the F.B.I and the SSCI, organizations bound to adhere to certain handling procedures in dealing with classified information, and whose interests are more compatible with the limitations imposed on CIA in relation to domestic matters involving law enforcement. It is felt entirely appropriate that Senator Hart be reminded of the difficulties that CIA has in reviewing and processing its documents for transmittal outside the Agency to other government agencies, in classified form, and how this is compounded when an agency such as the Dade County police are involved. Having become involved in reviewing the problem, and now appreciating the nature of the problem, it is proposed that the answers that can be made to Section C of paragraph 3 of the request be offered as noted. Depending on the OGC opinion on release of the names of Americans, if permissible, this information also could be provided. However, the intent should be to direct the Dade County police to the FBI for assistance from the federal government.

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