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7 February 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Support Branch

FROM : Chief, Cover Support Desk

SUBJECT : COVER - <sup>24</sup> [redacted] (Proposal to Cover Field Assessment of Potential REDSKIN Agent Candidates) #90682

1. Reference is made to the attached SR memorandum dated 3 February 1961.

2. The original of this memorandum was concurred in by Robert L. BANNERMAN, Acting Director of Security, on 6 February 1961 and forwarded to Central Cover Group. A memorandum had been previously concurred in by Mr. Thomas CARROLL, CI/OA. As indicated therein, a new procedure is proposed for the initial contact and A & E screening of potential REDSKIN agents. This would considerably reduce the number of persons who are briefed on Agency interest in the REDSKIN Program inasmuch as those persons who are rejected as a result of the A & E testing would never be briefed on the CIA interest in same, as is currently the case.

3. This matter was immediately brought to Mr. BANNERMAN's attention in view of his previous interest in reducing the number of contacts with CIA [redacted] credentials. He concurred in the proposal as is indicated above, with the verbal recommendation to the SR representative that, after the plan has been found feasible, possibly two or three junior personnel be assigned to conduct this testing on a full-time basis, rather than utilize such staff personnel as Dr. GOLDBER and Dr. [redacted] who are openly associated with CIA. These junior psychologists would then be represented with the cover concern, [redacted] and would not become associated with CIA, thereby obviating the possibility of embarrassment to the Agency and/or possible compromise of the cover asset involved.

4. This memorandum is being written in order that it may be brought to the attention of appropriate components within IOS, including the Investigations Branch, inasmuch as the procedure will have an effect on IB, i.e., the number of REDSKIN cases will be reduced since clearances will not be secured on potential candidates until they have been favorably screened by the A & E Staff (see paragraphs 3(c) and 4(c)).

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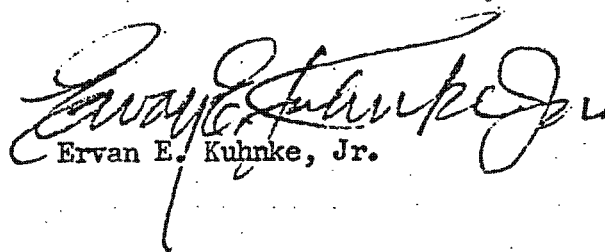
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5. No further action is contemplated in this matter by the writer.

Attachment:  
SR Memo (3 Feb. 1961)

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