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Nosenko

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : HSCA Interest in Nosenko

1. Ray Reardon of the Office of Security has been interviewing Agency employees connected in some way with the handling of Nosenko during the period of his confinement, to see in particular if any drugs had been administered to him. One employee, Tom Ryan of SE Division, was not interviewed as he was awaiting interview and deposition by HSCA personnel; as he was deposed last week Ray and I interviewed him today. In essence, he recalled no such use; Reardon will do a separate memo on that point.

2. We had heard that Ryan had been told that he might be called to testify at public hearings, and asked him if he minded telling us what the interests of the HSCA investigator were. He stated that he was asked about the treatment of Nosenko, including the question of drugs. One general question was asked about the question of bona fides, which he avoided answering by saying that any answer would have to be a long one, and that what he felt at different times would be different; the questioner did not persist.

3. One swallow does not make a spring, but this may be an indication that the HSCA is now focusing on the treatment of Nosenko, rather than the issue of bona fides. So far as Ryan is concerned, he is under [redacted] cover and would be unable to testify at public hearings without severely complicating his future service.

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