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15 April 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: <sup>03</sup> (Thomas L. Roberts)

1. Mr. Heinonen called to advise that Mr. <sup>03</sup> (Roberts) would be available for a meeting on 11 April and asked if I would come to the <sup>02</sup> (L)GLOBE downtown office to attend. In preparation for the meeting I contacted Mr. Rocca to determine what recent developments had taken place in New York with regard to Herbert Itkin's accepting the compromise solution reached between Messrs. Hogan and Morgenthau.

2. Mr. Rocca advised that the State of New York had withdrawn from the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York its motion to remand Herbert Itkin to the State of New York for trial. Secondly, Mr. Rocca stated that the Family Court of Westchester County had denied Herbert Itkin's request for rehearing the custody award of Mrs. Itkin's two sons. Thirdly, Herbert Itkin had prepared a draft letter to George Washington University, School of Diplomacy (sic), in which Itkin purported to offer a manuscript describing his work with the CIA for publication by the University. Itkin did stipulate that the University would have to obtain the approval of the DCI before publication of the book. It is puzzling to fathom Itkin's real motivation in making this offer.

3. I met with Mr. <sup>03</sup> (Roberts) on 11 April at the <sup>02</sup> (L)GLOBE office in Washington and explained to him the developments which had taken place with regard to Herbert Itkin's legal entanglements in New York City. I pointed out to Mr. <sup>03</sup> (Roberts) that we assessed his risk of exposure based upon three possibilities: (a) the unpublished feature article prepared by <sup>03</sup> (Barnard Collier) of the  which relates to Herbert Itkin's career could

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mention <sup>03</sup>(Roberts) in view of his  <sup>08</sup> with Itkin; (b) the New York County District Attorney's office has knowledge of <sup>03</sup>(Roberts)'s affiliation with CIA and we are unable to control their use of that information; and (c) the <sup>03</sup>assumption that Herbert Itkin has been told by the FBI that <sup>03</sup>(Roberts) is affiliated with CIA. I further explained that at the present time it appears unlikely that <sup>03</sup>(Roberts) would be directly involved in Herbert Itkin's trial, but we <sup>03</sup>could not be absolutely certain that such problems would not arise in the future.

4. With regard to Mr. <sup>03</sup>(Roberts) future assignments, I explained that this was a decision which rested with the DDP, and particularly the European Division, but from a legal standpoint we were not going to object to Mr. <sup>03</sup>(Roberts)' assignment to <sup>03</sup>(Paris.) <sup>15-4</sup> I did advise Mr. <sup>03</sup>(Roberts) that it was our opinion that he would be better off not to return to New York City as conceivably the District Attorney's office might want to question him further on his relationship with Herbert Itkin, and we did not think that this would be too helpful in trying to maintain <sup>03</sup>(Roberts) cover. Mr. Heinonen noted that the <sup>02</sup>(L)GLOBE office had considered sending Mr. <sup>03</sup>(Roberts) to New York to receive some covert training, but in view of our concern about the New York area, they would make <sup>03</sup> plans for another location for this training. I asked Mr. <sup>03</sup>(Roberts) to be sure and advise us if he received any communication directly from Herbert Itkin or any of his associates in the Conestoga, Ltd. venture, and Mr. <sup>03</sup>(Roberts) said that he would comply but doubted that anyone would attempt to contact him.

5. Mr. Heinonen indicated that <sup>02</sup>(L)GLOBE would be in touch with the European Division during the week of 14 April to assess the risk factors involved in Roberts' <sup>03</sup>(Paris) assignment and seek a suitable cover. <sup>15-4</sup>

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