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2 April 1969

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: (Thomas L. Roberts)<sup>03</sup>**RETURN TO CIA  
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1. On 27 March 1969, Mr. Sam Papich, FBI Liaison, advised Mr. Houston that the FBI office in New York stated that Herbert Itkin was reluctant to make a guilty plea in the two misdemeanor cases pending before the New York State court. It was the opinion of the FBI agents that Itkin could be persuaded to accept this course of action but was merely negotiating at this time for federal assistance in the custody hearing in the family court in Westchester County. Mr. Papich also stated that a hearing was anticipated on the custody question, and Itkin at this point was suggesting that CIA's name be interjected into the hearing to bolster his stature with the court.

2. We have not been advised that the State of New York has withdrawn its motion to remand from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, nor has any date been set for Itkin to appear before the New York State court.

<sup>03</sup>3. Mr. Kenneth Heinonen on 1 April 1969 called to advise that (Thomas L. Roberts) mother had suffered a massive heart attack and was in a coma in a Boston hospital.<sup>03</sup> (Roberts) had been advised of his mother's illness and was scheduled to arrive in Boston on the afternoon of 1 April. I explained to Mr. Heinonen the latest development with regard to Itkin's reluctance to accept the agreed solution worked out between Messrs. Morgenthau and Hogan. I also suggested to Mr. Heinonen that, while (Roberts)<sup>03</sup> was not likely to be subpoenaed at this time to appear in any New York litigation, it would be advisable for (Roberts)<sup>03</sup> to stay away from New York so that his name would not be reintroduced into the Itkin case.

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4. Mr. Heinonen stated that after (Roberts<sup>03</sup>) personal problems were resolved in Boston, (LPGLOBE would request him to come to Washington for discussions at which time they would advise us of his plans.

055. On 2 April 1969, Mr. Heinonen called to advise that Mr. (Roberts<sup>03</sup>) mother had died and that (Roberts<sup>03</sup>) now plans to come to Washington the latter part of next week, probably 11 April. Mr. Heinonen will advise us when more definite plans are known.

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