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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Review Staff

VIA : Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Senate Select Committee Request
(Charles W. Wiley)

1. Reference is made to a memorandum, captioned as above, dated 30 September 1975 forwarding copies of certain documents from the Office of Security files concerning Charles W. Wiley. These documents were requested by Mr. Jeffrey Kayden, Senate Select Committee Staff, who commenced a review of the Wiley files on 29 September 1975.

2. The Office of Security has concluded a separate review of the Wiley files and has highlighted certain contents thereof to the DCI. The DCI has requested that materials concerning the following items be provided to the Senate Select Committee independent of any Senate Select Committee Staff requests, to wit:

Lee Harvey Oswald

The files contain a raw, unevaluated report from Wiley containing his reporting of an allegation that Lee Harvey Oswald was in New York City in the Winter of 1962, having contact with a Cuban.

(Attached to instant memorandum, Tab A, is a copy of Wiley's original report, and attendant comments, suggesting receipt of the report circa 20 December 1963.)

Readily available public and Office of Security information concerning Oswald makes no reference to the possibility of his being in New York City in the Winter of 1962. The Warren Commission did not pursue such a line of inquiry.

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There is no evidence in the Wiley files or the file of the source, Enrique Eugenio Abascal (y Berenguer), #730643, that this information was processed out of the Office of Security/Security Research Staff, to which Wiley reported the information. However, as Wiley states in the report: "I urged Abascal to go to the FBI with the information, and offered to arrange a meeting. He promised to tell them the story, and made contact through an agent (O'Brien) whom he knew because of past activities."

Regarding Abascal, his Office of Security file contains the following concerning his veracity:

Office of Security/Security Research Staff memorandum dated 15 August 1966:
"Abascal has for several years furnished information to SRS source which has been proven to be utterly worthless and usually fictitious."

Office of Security/Security Research Staff memorandum dated 19 May 1965:
"(Abascal) has furnished source with intelligence information which appears to be complete fabrication."

FBI letterhead memorandum dated 30 September 1963 captioned "Movimiento Democrata Cristiano (MDC)" contains the following statements about Abascal by FBI sources: "One would only have to know Enrique Abascal to know that this (a Life magazine article) was nothing but a publicity stunt on his part and that he has no importance whatsoever in the anti-Castro Movement." "Sometimes in dealing with Abascal, one does not know whether or not he should pity him or try to afford him some kind of medical assistance." "Abascal is merely a publicity seeker."

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It is apparent the Office of Security/ Security Research Staff had reason to question the veracity of Abascal precluding further dissemination of the information; and that there was a reason to believe that Abascal would report the information to the FBI for their action.

Arlington House, Publishers

The files contain a raw, unevaluated report from Wiley containing his reporting of an allegation that CIA had partial control of, and once attempted full control of, Arlington House, Publishers.

(Attached to instant memorandum, Tab B, is a copy of Wiley's original report as well as copies of attendant documents. The files contain no further clarification of the information.)

There is no Office of Security subject file in the name of Arlington House or Arlington House, Publishers.

From other sources, it would appear that Arlington House, Publishers is connected with the conservative causes of William F. Buckley and the National Review. Buckley is a former Agency employee and his close connections with former Agency employee H. Howard Hunt have recently received extensive publicity. It is believed that numerous former Agency employees are linked with Buckley's causes, and this could be the foundation for the rumored Agency involvement in Arlington House.

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3. Your attention is again directed to the concerns of the Office of Security, as expressed in the referenced memorandum, that the Wiley file documents and all statements contained therein, even though not classified as such, be carefully and prudently handled to protect the individuals identified therein.



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