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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Agency Contact with the Immigration and Naturalization Service on Behalf of Mr. Johnny Roselli

1. Reference is made to a request forwarded to the Office of Security on 19 March 1974, by Mr. John C. Richards, Office of the Inspector General. The Subject of inquiry is based on a request for information, made on 13 March 1974, by Mr. Terry Lenzner, Assistant Majority Chief Counsel, Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities, to Mr. Lyle L. Miller, Deputy Legislative Counsel. Mr. Lenzner cited a 14 May 1962, Agency memorandum which refers to contact between Mr. Lawrence Houston, then General Counsel, and the then Attorney General, Mr. Robert Kennedy, with the intention of "quashing of a Grand Jury organized crime indictment against Sam Gianconni (sic) (Salvatore Giancana)." Mr. Lenzner is understood to believe this reported contact and the circumstances surrounding the intended Agency utilization of Mr. Giancana during President John F. Kennedy's Administration were being surfaced in 1971 as part of an effort to obtain blackmail-type information on certain principals in the Democratic Party. Mr. Lenzner specifically requested information on Agency contacts with the Administration during 1971 relating to this matter.

2. The files and records of all individuals identified with the planned utilization of Mr. Giancana were searched. These individuals included Mr. Robert A. Maheu, who arranged contact with Mr. Giancana through Mr. Johnny Roselli; Mr. Richard Cain, recently deceased, who was identified in the press as knowledgeable of Agency association with Mr. Giancana; and Mr. William King Harvey, retired Staff employee, who acted as principal contact with Mr. Roselli during the late 1960's and up until Mr. Roselli's incarceration.

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Additionally, the files of other individuals associated with Mr. Robert A. Maheu were also searched. These included, Mr. Peter R. Maheu, Mr. John Meier, and Mr. Michael Merhige, II, currently an Agency contract employee, who was utilized during 1968 and 1969 in Ecuador under a commercial cover arrangement provided by the Maheu organization.

3. Memoranda were located in the file of Mr. Johnny Roselli which summarize contact on 26 February 1971, initiated by this Agency with the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, Mr. Raymond Farrell. The purpose of this effort was to intercede with the Immigration and Naturalization Service on behalf of Mr. Roselli in the action being initiated for deportation. It was determined that this Agency would be kept informed of the progress of the action against Mr. Roselli in an effort to forestall public disclosure of his association with the United States Government. The Attorney General at the time of these contacts with the Immigration and Naturalization Service was Mr. John N. Mitchell.

4. On 21 March 1974, this matter was discussed with Mr. John C. Richards, Office of the Inspector General; Mr. Lyle L. Miller, Deputy Legislative Counsel; and Stanton F. Ense, Deputy Director for Personnel Security and Investigations, Office of Security. The Office of Security file on Mr. Johnny Roselli was made available to Messrs. Richards and Miller, including the memoranda cited in paragraphs 1 and 3 above. Mr. Miller indicated that he planned to await a follow-up call from Mr. Lenzner on this Subject.

Stanton F. Ense
Deputy Director of Security
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