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SUBJECT: (Optional) Expected Problem on Book by Former Agency Employee

FROM: Director of Public Affairs

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TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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To 1 & 3: The flat assertion by Mr. Roosevelt that DCI Bush "offered no objections to the publication of the book" is open to question. Though I have searched the DCI Bush files and can find no record of his conversation with Mr. Roosevelt, I am most confident that Mr. Bush's encouragement was done subject to the understanding that Mr. Roosevelt would submit his manuscript for review. Indeed, John Waller encouraged him to meet with the General Counsel re clearing his manuscript, and I have enclosed on the left the related record obtained from John Waller.

B. C. Evans
Executive Secretary
23 Aug 78 *15 Aug*

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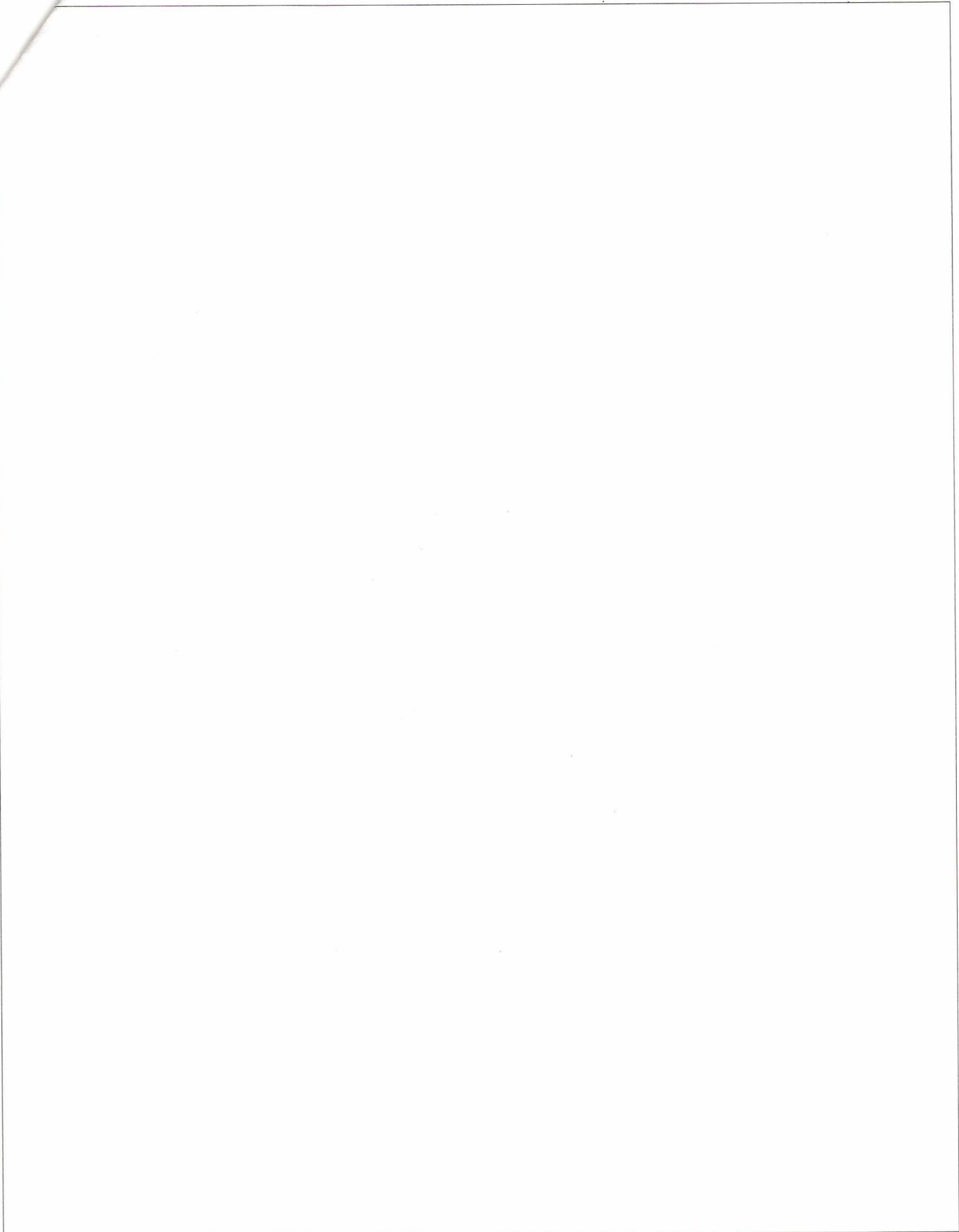
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Tracy - I'm still interested in all other books published by former employees w/o clearance

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: Herbert E. Hetu
Director of Public Affairs
SUBJECT: Expected Problem on Book by Former Agency Employee

1. At our last meeting of the Publications Review Board on 25 July, we discussed several problems encountered in the review of a book being written by Kermit Roosevelt on Agency activities in Iran. We decided in that meeting to send [redacted] with a representative to be selected by the DDO (who turned out to be [redacted]) and they met with Kermit Roosevelt and his son on 2 August.

2. Attached is [redacted] report on the meeting--it flags a probable future problem.

3. I will keep you informed of any progress.

[redacted]
Herbert E. Hetu

Attachment: a/s

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4 August 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Publications Review Board

FROM: [redacted]
Associate General Counsel

SUBJECT: Kermit Roosevelt's Book on Iran

1. On 2 August [redacted] and I met with Kermit Roosevelt and his son, Jonathan Roosevelt, at their summer home on Nantucket Island in accordance with the decision reached at the Publications Review Board meeting of 25 July. After the pleasantries were exchanged, [redacted] explained

[redacted]

2. The next point which was explained to Messrs. Roosevelts was that Mr. John McMahon, the DDO, had determined that his Directorate would not concur in granting approval for publication of a manuscript which described CIA operations overseas. This explanation of the DDO's position shocked the Roosevelt gentlemen. Both Roosevelts thought we would ask for a delay in publication due to the current Iranian situation. Kermit responded: "The book has cost me two years of my life. Why wasn't I told earlier?" They responded by saying that Mr. Kermit Roosevelt had discussed his writing a book on the Iran coup with Mr. George Bush, while he was DCI. Mr. Bush offered no objections to the publication of the book. Also Mr. Roosevelt said he had the concurrence of the Shah of Iran to write the book. I responded that we were not challenging the statement of Mr. Bush, however, the Agency had different management today and different ground rules concerning publication of manuscripts.

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3. [] read Admiral Turner's quoted testimony from Judge Oren Lewis' opinion in the Snepp case which explained that the adverse effect of Snepp not having submitted his book for a pre-publication review diminished the world-wide confidence in our ability to protect secrets. [] also explained that even though the Shah of Iran had given his consent to publish the book two years ago, this did not relieve Admiral Turner of his statutory obligation to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. A comment was made about Judge Sirica's recent opinion that the test of classification is not the age of the information but the present impact of disclosure. Both Roosevelts agreed this was the only reasonable criteria. I explained further that the Agency was in the position, as a result of recent litigation, of having to be consistent in the manner in which all manuscripts were handled. Jonathan Roosevelt said several times in the course of the discussion that he understood the need for consistency.

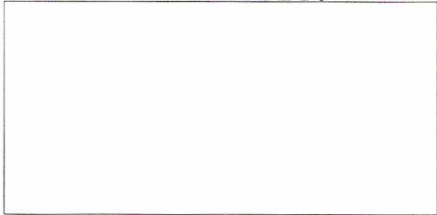
4. After Mr. Roosevelt was given a description of the Agency's position that no publication which identified a CIA operation could be approved, I received the distinct impression from Jonathan Roosevelt's reaction that he might very well advise his father to proceed with publication of the book without securing Agency approval. He did not make any threats of this nature and was very careful to advise his father to withhold comments on what future action might take place until the family could have the benefit of a private consultation. [] feels that Kermit Roosevelt will argue strongly to proceed in a legal manner and attempt to secure approval from the Agency. It would seem very likely that Kermit Roosevelt, through senior officials in the legislative branch or executive branch, might make contact with Admiral Turner to reverse this decision not to approve the publication of a manuscript which describes a CIA operation overseas.

4. At this time the book is subject to a contract with a publisher for which Kermit Roosevelt indicated he had received an advance. His editor has full access to the manuscript and is requesting that certain chapters be reorganized. It does not seem to me as though the book is in a state where it will be published before January 1979. However, I have the impression the Roosevelt family is counting on the book and its possible movie rights for a substantial amount of income. At the conclusion of the meeting, Jonathan suggested both sides had to do "some creative thinking on this." We explained that our position was firm but would certainly listen to any comments they would care to make. It is our opinion that Jonathan will contact us after he returns to Washington from Nantucket at the end of August.

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5. Recommendation: I would suggest the Director be briefed on this problem and perhaps he and the DDO should discuss their position prior to some approach being made to the Director on behalf of Mr. Kermit Roosevelt.



cc: DDO



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