16 June 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: George Polk Murder

The Italian Intelligence officer [redacted] was sent there on temporary duty for this purpose. He was very cordial with our representative and discussed the Polk case at length, during two sessions totaling eight hours. Previously, [redacted] had flatly refused to discuss the case with the U.S. representative.

[Redacted] appeared to be on the verge of revealing the identity of his Salamina contact. He then declined to do so, partly because he felt that his contact was not involved but mostly because of his desire to safeguard his contact for future professional use. This contact is apparently a Communist of some importance who speaks English and also goes to Salamina occasionally. [Redacted] was using this man operationally and not as a source. It would appear to be through him that [redacted] himself hoped to visit [redacted] and promised to write our representative if he changed his mind about revealing his contact's identity.

[Redacted] to [redacted], U.S. Charge d'Affaires in Athens, has requested the Department of State to support [redacted]'s recommendation to the Greek Government that the [redacted] to return to Athens immediately and make available all the information in his possession.

[Signature]
Assistant Director

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