9 September 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: The Polk Murder Case

1. Recent stories in the Greek and the American press have hinted at a solution of the Polk case, citing the arrest of Gregoris Staikopoulos and several members of his family.

However, there have been one or two developments of interest in connection with the Staikopoulos arrest.

2. Staikopoulos, a Communist journalist and graduate of the American College in Greece, had recently been employed as a local correspondent by the Athens manager of the Reuters News Agency. Prior to this, he was known to be connected with a communist publication in Salonika.

3. Salonika police arrested Staikopoulos in mid-August. He has since reportedly admitted membership in the Communist "self-defense" organization.

4. More recent information is that the Staikopoulos family has admitted having entertained Polk at its home in Salonika shortly before he disappeared.

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Assistant Director

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