We are in the process of reviewing "28 Mordad: The Countercoup" by Kermit Roosevelt. As described in the attached speed letter, we are having considerable difficulty with the draft of Mr. Roosevelt's book as it presently exists. This note is to signal this fact to you. Furthermore, who is personally reviewing the book, suggests that we begin thinking about how to handle this matter with Mr. Roosevelt. His speed letter speaks to that topic.

Attachment:
As stated

cc: DO/IRO w/att.
G/CCS w/att.
Subject: Second Draft of "28 Mordad: The Countercoup" by Kermit Roosevelt

1. You have already had my preliminary observations on the problems of executive disclosure that the Agency will face if the proposed draft of Kermit Roosevelt's current book is approved by the Publications Review Board. I shall be giving you a more detailed statement soon, anticipating that Agency representatives will have to meet again with Roosevelt.

2. Also in anticipation of that meeting, I suggest that prior thought be given to a counter-proposal. (I recognize that Roosevelt may have commitments to a publisher which would make acceptance of any counter-proposal difficult.) Basically, my suggestion is that we encourage Roosevelt to see the value of leaving behind for the upcoming generation of Agency personnel a first-person account of participation in and direction of what Harry Rositzke has called the "first U.S.-sponsored subversion of a government outside the Soviet orbit."

3. We could offer to publish a special edition of "Studies in Intelligence" which would be classified and given the usual or a more limited U.S.-only distribution. Perhaps, for that type study, we could offer to let Roosevelt review the (now Top Secret) resume and the supporting cable traffic (soon to be released in classified form to Department of State historians).

4. Handling of such a counter-proposal merits careful thought, of course. I think that the level of the proposal may carry as much weight as the substance. Conceivably, preliminary soundings could be made through Roosevelt's close friend, Campbell James.

5. Whatever the nature of the counter-proposal, I think that the identification of a reasonable alternative to a flat PRB denial can benefit the Agency in both the near- and the long-term.

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