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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Allegation that Eichmann Is Now a Communist

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in Paragraph 3.

2. As a result of your talk with Ed Murrow about the allegation that Eichmann is now a Communist, we asked [redacted] to go to New York and discuss the evidence in this matter with General Ocellen. He was also asked to take up with [redacted] the possibility that this information could be surfaced. His report is given herewith:

"a. Eichmann's statement that he is now a Communist in political thought and an admirer of Khrushchev appears in a hand-written document that was either written or dictated by Eichmann.

[redacted]

"c. The document and Eichmann's alleged self-conversion to Communism came into being only since he has been in Israeli captivity. In view of this, it is rather unrealistic to agree with [redacted] when he says that the Israelis are not privy to this turn of events. One can only presume that every action of Eichmann since captivity began has been completely monitored in one fashion or another including sessions with his defense counsel.

[redacted] says he is not in a position to influence [redacted] directly since, in view of the German government position on the trial, this would be politically explosive; however, he had hoped to be able to "maneuver" the trial so that Eichmann would make a declaration as to his present political leanings. This hope has been abandoned at present for it is now "believed" that Eichmann has changed his mind.

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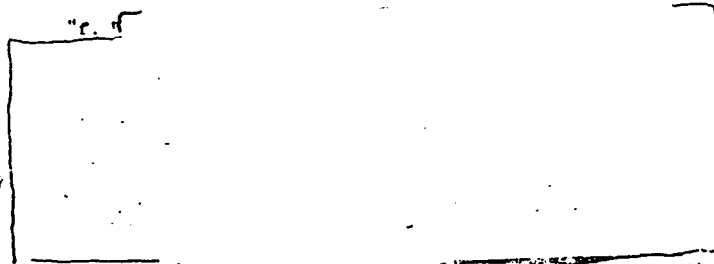
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"e. [redacted] could not (or would not) give any further clarifying details except to state that his evaluation of the truth of subject allegation is "A-1":

"f. [redacted]



this purpose, [redacted] immediately review the matter with the view of seeing how the information can best be exploited under the circumstances."

3. In view of the foregoing and in light of negative replies concerning this subject from the [redacted] Desk and from Mr. Angleton [redacted], it is recommended that no further action be taken in this case. A memorandum to this effect addressed to Edward R. Murrow is attached for your signature.

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Chief
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1 Attachment

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