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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 Gregorios STAYTOPOULOS and several members of his family. [

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

2. STAYTOPOULOS, 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 STAYTOPOULOS in mid-August. He has since reportedly admitted membership in the Communist "self-defense" organization. [

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

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