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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

FROM: John H. Waller
Inspector General

SUBJECT: Publication by Former CIA Official

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Inspector General to
General Counsel of 11 January 1977,
Subject: "Agency Review of Proposed
Unofficial Publication by Former
Employees"

1. I had the occasion to speak with Mr. Kermit Roosevelt, Sr. by telephone when he called me on 19 January 1977 to mention that he believed the Reader's Digest Press would probably publish his book.

2. I again related to him that which I had stressed before, that the General Counsel's office plays an important role in clearing manuscripts submitted by persons with the Agency or those who have formerly served with the Agency. He said that he felt he had done what was proper to have informed Mr. Bush of his intentions early on, but if any representative of the General Counsel's office wanted to discuss the matter further, he would, of course, be glad to talk with him. I again reminded him that among other things he would have to be careful about

3. It should be noted that my message to Mr. Kermit Roosevelt, Sr., on 10 January 1977, per para 7 of ref memorandum, was taken by Mr. Kermit Roosevelt, Jr. who promised to pass on my comments to his father, with whom he works.

4. It is my suggestion that a representative of the OGC get in touch with Mr. Roosevelt at an early date and explain what the clearance procedures are before he get too far along with his relationship with the Reader's Digest Press. Perhaps who has earlier been in touch with Mr. Roosevelt regarding his book, per para 6 ref, would be a good person to do so.

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