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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security
Attn: Chief, EAB/OS

FROM :
Associate General Counsel

SUBJECT : Kermit Roosevelt Book on Iran

1. At the request of Mr. John Waller, Inspector General, I met with Mr. Kermit Roosevelt in his office at 1211 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 600, on 1 February 1977. Mr. Waller had suggested that a personal meeting with Mr. Roosevelt seemed appropriate in order to explain the ramifications of the secrecy agreement as to the security review of books written by former Agency employees. Mr. Roosevelt has obtained a contract from the Readers Digest to publish a book about Iran.

2. I gave Mr. Roosevelt a copy of his secrecy agreement and he in turn gave me copies of Chapters 6, 7, 8 and 9 of his forthcoming book. He explained to me that these were the chapters that related to the activities by Mr. Roosevelt during the course of his employment with CIA.

3. There is an urgency in reviewing this material since Mr. Roosevelt is leaving for Iran the week of February 21. He has previously discussed the publication of this book with the Shah of Iran who has endorsed in principle the telling of the story of the overthrow of Prime Minister Mossadeq in 1953. During the summer of 1976 Mr. Roosevelt discussed the idea of writing this book with Mr. George Bush who was then DCI and received his support. However, this would not be construed as a security clearance.

4. Mr. Roosevelt requested that we complete our security review of these chapters before he leaves for Iran so that the material he discusses with the Shah of Iran will have been approved by CIA. It is requested that the review of this material be completed by 11 February so that further discussions could be held with Mr. Roosevelt during the week of 14 February. I would suggest that one copy be sent to Mr. Waller for his review.

cc: John Waller, IG