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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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1. On 18 October 1967, Jerry Gabriel, DDS&T/OSP/SO, telephoned the writer to advise that a former employee, the Subject, had been in touch with him concerning whether or not he could write an article on Che Guevera, the Cuban Insurgent. Crozier apparently wanted to know if it were permissible for him to state that he was employed by the Agency at the time he was travelling with Guevera and had taken a number of pictures of the Cuban. Gabriel stated that Crozier was still working for the Post Office Department as a Postal Inspector.

2. The file reflects that the Subject was a former contract employee of the WH Division, whose association was covert, from beginning to end.

3. The writer telephoned Crozier (177-7556) and learned that the Subject wished to write an article for the Samuel French Inc., an article which would in all probability appear in numerous magazines in this country. According to Crozier, James Reach, head of the Literary Department at Samuel French Inc., is aware of Crozier's association with the Agency and is of the opinion that for the Subject to indicate in the article that he was with Guevera at the behest of the Agency would make it very saleable.

4. Crozier was under cover of ²⁹the Public Surveys Institute of Dallas, Texas, in March 1958 when his knowledge of Guevera was obtained. The writer informed the Subject that under no circumstances should he write any article associating himself with the Agency while under that cover. It was agreed that ²⁴the cover was fully backstopped, was plausible and accepted, and Crozier admitted that a number of newspaper men and other persons with whom he came into contact in the 1958 period had accepted the cover.

5. Crozier stated he would not connect the Agency with his activities in the critical period in any article he might present. He was not requested to submit the article to the Agency prior to publication as this is apparently a character sketch and recitation of the activities of Guevera during the March 1958 period, not something of intelligence concern at this date so long as no connection of this Agency is to be mentioned.

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6. Crozier agreed to contact this Office in the future should any further questions concerning writings or association with this Agency come to mind.



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