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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief, SOD

SUBJECT: Further Review of Ambassador Willauer's
Personal Papers

1. I again called on Mrs. Whiting Willauer on 30 November 1963, and finished reviewing the diaries and papers which I had not covered on my previous visits.

2. These were three diaries, covering the period from 1 January 1959 to July 1960. Altho a good deal of the material was concerned with Ambassador Willauer's daily life - meetings, travel, dinners, golf, people, etc. - he had used the diaries also to express his personal philosophies with regard to U.S. foreign policy, particularly in the Caribbean area. For this reason, the diaries will probably be among the more valuable papers to be offered to Princeton University. Some people in the State Department would probably not be very happy with some of his views - Whitey felt strongly on the career-noncareer service officer question - but this is of no concern to the Agency.

3. At one point, great concern is expressed with regard to possible income tax problems that might arise in connection with General Chennault's estate. Whitey notes that ATC is preparing a good affidavit, and that Ted Shannon is also preparing one. I do not believe that the casual mention of Mr. Shannon poses any real security problem.

4. It is noted in the diary that at a meeting I had with Ambassador Willauer, I had suggested to him that he might discuss some of his ideas re Central and South American policies and programs with Dick B. (Mr. Bissell). The entry for the following day indicates that he met with Dick B, but there is no mention of the substance of the conversation.

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5. In the back of the third diary, Ambassador Willauer gives a terse chronology of his activities from December 1960 to March 1961. (The period of change-over from a Republican to a Democratic Administration.) He notes that on 26 January Dean Rusk asked him to continue on the job. The term "Task Force" is used a number of times, but in the context of an over all Government policy activity and not as an Agency operation.

6. The diary notes the initials or names of various Agency people as attending meetings- AWD, Barnes, JCK. etc - but again with no reference to or inference of Agency clandestine activity. In several instances Whitey states that he felt that the most important role that he could play would be to concern himself with the "nuts and bolts", but does not indicate as to the "nuts and bolts" of what.

7. To summarize, I do not feel that there is anything in the diaries that would jeopardize the security of the Agency.

8. I advised Mrs. Willauer that as a result of my previous visits I had raised a few questions and had requested guidance from the Agency. I told her that if it was felt that any material should be deleted from the collection I would be back in touch with her as soon as possible.



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