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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Analysis Group

SUBJECT : Robert A. MAHEU/Johnny ROSELLI Matter

1. The following is provided for your information.

2. Reference is made to previous memoranda, same subject, which have been provided to the Inspector General regarding information contained in Office of Security files concerning Johnny ROSELLI and Robert A. MAHEU. Specific reference is made to certain questions which have been raised concerning the existence of a separate file entitled "Project Johnny", which was alleged to have been kept in the safe of the Director of Security.

3. All attempts to locate a file maintained separately by the Director of Security entitled "Project Johnny", or any other separate unofficial file concerning the MAHEU/ROSELLI matter within the Office of Security, have met with negative results. However, in conducting the research into this matter, a search of the Office of Security's Top Secret Registry disclosed a Top Secret document control card concerning a 14 May 1962 memorandum from the Director of Security to the U.S. Attorney General. The Top Secret control card indicated that a copy of this memorandum was being retained in the Director of Security's personal safe "under Project Johnny".

4. The Office of Security file relating to Johnny ROSELLI has a file number of 667 270. Memoranda contained within that file include the above mentioned 14 May 1962 Top Secret memorandum from the Director of Security, as well as the originals of numerous other memoranda dating back to 1966, which concern various aspects of the entire MAHEU/ROSELLI matter. According to the Chief, Security Records Division, the above official file on Johnny ROSELLI, using the 667 270 file number, was not established until November 1974. Further, one such memorandum contained in that official Office of Security file relating to Johnny ROSELLI has the original "buck slip", which forwarded that memorandum to the Director of Security. On the buck slip, which is dated 6 June 1968, the following handwritten notation from the Director of Security appears: "Kathy, Johnny file".

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5. In view of the above, it would appear that a separate file did exist prior to November 1974, the contents of which would appear to have now been consolidated within the above noted official Office of Security file on ROSELLI. Further, presuming that the heretofore missing "Project Johnny" file is now an official file, the conclusion may be drawn that all Office of Security files relating to the MAHEU/ROSELLI matter have been reviewed, and that the pertinent information contained therein has been forwarded to the Inspector General for review.

6. It should be noted that in 1967 the Inspector General conducted an investigation into the MAHEU/ROSELLI matter, and in so doing collected numerous memoranda from the various Agency components directly involved. As a result, additional memoranda which may have previously been held separately by the Director of Security, may be in the possession of the Inspector General.

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