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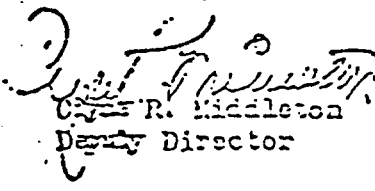
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Dr. Franklin J. Halpin, the Bureau's Medical Director, and I, have personally reviewed the classified records of the Central Intelligence Agency which contain all particulars of the circumstances leading up to and attendant upon the death of the decedent on November 28, 1953.

Such material is highly sensitive and is of a nature which if divulged might seriously affect the national security. Such information is found sufficient to show that the condition responsible for self-destruction was proximately due to conditions of his employment and the claim of the widow is allowed. This decision was reached after obtaining the oral opinion of Dr. Halpin that from a medical standpoint there was a very definite connection between the illness and the act of self-destruction.


R. Middleton
Deputy Director

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