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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SAS (Provisional) *Hillary, Bernard*  
 ATTENTION : Mr. George Ladner  
 SUBJECT : Military Documentation  
 REFERENCE : Memorandum, Request for Military Documentation  
 in Alias, Dated 8 May 1963.

1. HR 240 has designated the Central Cover Staff as the responsible office for issuance and control of cover documentation. To discharge this responsibility, CCS has made special arrangements with the Department of the Army to approve and backstop a credential which is unique to a military unit.

2. This [redacted] is unique to our cover units, as within the Department of the Army this type of a credential is issued only to accredited investigators of the [redacted] and the [redacted]. Therefore, it is incumbent upon all Agency components to utilize this document only when operationally necessary and under careful supervision.

3. By agreement with the Department of the Army, these credentials are to be used under the following conditions:

- a. PURPOSE: These documents are to be used as "flash" identification only when making initial operational contacts.
- b. COVER STORY: These documents are issued by the US Army Element, [redacted] with Headquarters in the Pentagon, Washington 25, 32 D.C., telephone Oxford [redacted]. Each individual must be briefed thoroughly on the cover unit. Individuals not briefed on the cover unit prior to the issuance of these credentials should be instructed to report to MCB/CCS as soon as possible for a briefing.
- c. COVER LIMITATIONS: The [redacted] will always be used in conjunction with the DA Form 1602. It will be used for operational purposes only and never for personal identification.

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4. Attached herewith, per your request of 8 May 1963, are Credential #259 and DA Form 1602 #296963 to be issued to Bernard N. Hillary (A).

5. These documents are accountable items and must be returned to MCB/CCS when no longer required for operational purposes. In the event they are lost or destroyed, a written report to MCB/CCS setting forth the circumstances is required.

6. Attached hereto are receipts to be signed by Mr. Hillary to the effect that he has received the documents mentioned above. It is requested that these receipts be returned to Military Cover Branch, CCS, as soon as possible.

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Chief, Military Cover Branch, CCS

ATTACHMENTS: 3  
Credential #259  
DA Form 1602 #296963  
Receipts