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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Security Office

SUBJECT : Commendation of Mr. James O'Connell

1. I would like to take this opportunity to commend Mr. James O'Connell for the excellent manner in which he served WE Division on 6 May 1956.

2. As you know, the son of Mr. James R. Hunt, Jr., Chief of Station, [ ] was killed on 5/6 May in Walsenburg, Colorado, in an automobile accident. The CIA Cable secretariat was notified by State and in turn notified Mr. [ ] C/WE/3. Mr. [ ] contacted Mr. Hunt's mother on 6 May and offered to be of any assistance whatsoever.

3. At 2000 hours, 6 May, Mrs. Hunt, Sr. telephoned Mr. [ ] to say the Hunts were arriving in New York at 0710 hours 7 May. She asked if Mr. [ ] could expedite their entry through Customs. Mr. [ ] called the Security Night Duty Officer, who apparently called Mr. James O'Connell. Within a half hour Mr. O'Connell telephoned Mr. [ ] to say that entry would be expedited and that two Agency cars would be available for transportation. Mr. O'Connell further offered any other help possible. Mr. [ ] was thus able to call Mrs. Hunt, Sr. before 2100 hours, 6 May.

4. This prompt action on the part of Mr. O'Connell has been brought to the attention of the Director. It is requested that a copy of this memorandum be placed in Mr. O'Connell's official personnel folder.

GLEN E. MOORHOUSE  
Acting Chief, WE Division

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