

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

18 April 1963

SUBJECT: HUNT, Everett Howard, Jr.  
#23500

1. On 16 April Mr. Winters discussed the case of the Subject with the writer, in particular a Memorandum for the Record prepared by Hunt and a Routing Slip from Mr. Bannerman to Mr. Winters dated 15 April suggesting a letter to the Assistant Deputy Director of Plans. Hunt's Memorandum for the Record clearly reflected his wife had procured some material prepared by the [redacted] had turned this intelligence over to her husband who had, in turn, brought it to W. Lloyd George, Chief, FI Staff; George took the material to DDP for consideration.

2. The situation referred to above could clearly lead to serious embarrassment to the Agency as it is apparent Mrs. Hunt is engaging in intelligence collection in the United States - without any official sanction for such activity.

3. The writer suggested to Mr. Winters that this entire situation was one we had anticipated when we wrote a letter for Col. Edwards' signature denying permission to Hunt for his wife's employment by the [redacted] Mr. Winters readily recalled his own memorandum relative to a call from Hunt seeking advice on whether or not his wife should register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act due to her "translation work in her home for the [redacted] (Memorandum of DD/PRS, 8 February 1963.)

4. Both Mr. Winters and the writer were concerned that transmission of the letter through Tracy Barnes to Tom Karamessines might really "stir up" all sorts of problems; it was not apparent how the Security Officer of DODS, J. R. Murphy, had obtained a copy of Hunt's Memorandum for the Record on a matter that had been handled on extremely high levels in the DDP complex. It was decided that, before a letter be prepared in accord with Mr. Bannerman's instructions, it might be well to touch base with Lloyd George for a "reading" on whether or not it was intended Mrs. Hunt be used operationally in her present employment position.

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5. On 17 April the writer secured an appointment with Mr. George at 4:15 PM. At the outset the writer informed the C/FI of the background of the case, i.e., the fact that we were aware Mrs. Hunt had been used operationally [redacted] in the past, that in November 1962 Col. Edwards had disapproved Hunt's request for his wife to accept employment by the [redacted] and that Hunt had indicated to Gene Winters his wife would take - or had taken - the employment concerned. Mr. George was further informed of the element of embarrassment we saw in this situation and which led us to disapprove Hunt's request in the first place and was also informed that, should it be desired Mrs. Hunt be used operationally, coordination in this regard would probably have to be effected with the FBI.

6. In commenting on the above Mr. George stated he had not been made aware previously that the Office of Security had disapproved any request from Hunt concerning his wife's employment and that he considered all of the points put forward by the writer on behalf of the Office of Security to be valid and well taken. He asked that Mr. Bannerman be informed that he would now take up this situation with Mr. Helms and Mr. Karamessines and would suggest a meeting on the matter to include a representative of the Office of Security in order that all facets of the situation be fully explored. He requested that he be given 48 hours - and then said by the end of the week - within which to arrange matters with the DDP and requested further that Security not send through its letter on this matter until the proposed meeting could be had. He left the writer with the definite impression that Mrs. Hunt might well be of operational value to the Agency in that she has progressed in her employment to the point where she is writing speeches for the [redacted] and could possibly insert into such speeches many things this Agency might desire be enunciated. The writer agreed to pass this information and request to Mr. Bannerman.

7. Mr. Winters was briefed on the situation and stated he would inform the Deputy Director of Security of Mr. George's requests and of the expected turn of events in this case.

8. (The writer did not inform Mr. George of how the Office of Security received its information concerning the activities of Mrs. Hunt-referred to in the Memorandum for the Record prepared by the Subject. After Mr. George indicated he was unaware of what Mr. Helms had done with the paper following their discussion of Mrs. Hunt's activities and, further, that he had heard from Hunt that DODS officials seemed to be fully aware of the situation, the writer did tell Mr. George we had learned of a memorandum for the record prepared by Mr. Hunt

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and that this memorandum and its content was the basis for the writer's contact of C/PI at this point. Hence, Mr. George was not told that the DDBS Security Officer referred this matter to us.)

9. Under Mr. Winters' instructions the writer will hold this case without further action until advised.

  
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