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MEMORANDUM FOR: C/SRS

FROM : C/LEOB

SUBJECT : Manuscript: Give Us This Day  
 Author: Edward J. Hamilton

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A letter from Tom Wallis<sup>all</sup> of Holt, Rhinehart and Winston, Inc. book publishers dated July 9, 1968 and addressed to Bill Buckley of the National Review discusses ~~the~~ subject publication and indicates that Holt, Rhinehart declined publication because the manuscript by Hamilton was considered "far too controversial".

A note from Saroyan accompanying the manuscript indicated that Buckley had sent this manuscript to Arlington House. A Henry Durkin now publicity manager for Walker and Company handled this manuscript while he, Durkin, was working for Arlington House some time ago. Walker and Company have just recently declined to publish the manuscript apparently for the same reason as Holt, Rhinehart and Arlington House. It was noted that Arlington House rejected the manuscript as controversial because they had no way of checking out the facts.

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A review of the first few pages of the manuscript rather clearly show this to be the work of E. Howard Hunt (OS file #23500), presently a staff employee assigned to the European Division of DDP. The following items <sup>culled</sup> ~~called~~ from the manuscript were compared with factual data in Mr. Hunt's security file:

a) Manuscript, page 6--"The air was cool on this second day of December 1956. . . . . twenty of us were seated around the spacious office of the Hon. Arthur Gardner, American Ambassador to Cuba" (then in Havana)

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Hunt's file--travel order dated 19 November 1956 authorized Hunt to travel to and from Havana on TDY during the period 7-15 December 1956.

b) Manuscript, page 8, 9--"In 1926, at the height of the Florida boom, my father was practicing law in Miami Beach"; the manuscript goes on to indicate that Subject's father had a serious problem with his business partner which related to missing funds and the partnership was dissolved.

Hunt's file--Subject's personal history statement reveals that Subject's father was an attorney. A Dun and Bradstreet report dated 16 January 1945 indicated that when Subject's father was with L. R. Steel Company as an attorney in the 20's that the company failed with disastrous results, however, Subject's father was exonerated after an investigation.

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c) Manuscript, page 10--"In March of 1960 I was having coffee with the newly -elected president of the country (Uruguay) to which I was assigned when a station officer was admitted." The manuscript goes on to indicate that Hunt had to report to Washington.

Hunt's file--Hunt had been assigned to Montevideo, Uruguay and a cable dated February 1960 received in Headquarters from the Chief of Station at Montevideo indicated that President Nardone had asked ~~ask~~ President Eisenhower to have Hunt's tour extended in Uruguay. The file further reflects a travel order dated 20 June 1960 which ordered Hunt from Montevideo to Washington with travel to commence in early May 1960.

d) Manuscript, page 19--"Having served several years in Mexico"

Hunt's file--Subject was assigned to Mexico City under cover in December 1950 and was returned PCS from Mexico City to Washington on 1 March 1955.

e) Manuscript, page 23--"Reporting my failure to Quarters Eye I returned to Washington and conferred with Barnes, Jake and Bender. They recommended, and I agreed, that I ought to visit Havana to savor the atmosphere and mingle with the Cuban

people. Our cover staff provided me with documentation that would support the operational alias I was to live with for the duration of the Project: Edward J. Hamilton. I drew a travel advance and flew to Tampa where I boarded a National Airlines flight to Havana."

Hunt's file -- On 27 September 1960 action was taken to provide alias documentation to Howard Hunt in the name of Edward J. Hamilton. This documentation included a bonafide District of Columbia driver's permit in alias including back-<sup>a</sup> ~~drop~~ <sup>stopped</sup> ~~resident's~~ <sup>once</sup> address. Later, in June of 1963 a post office box in Washington, D. C. was established for Hunt under the name, Edward J. Hamilton.

A rather casual review of the rest of the manuscript indicates general similarity <sup>of</sup> the descriptive data of the author's ( Edward J. Hamilton's) activities with regard to the Cuban situation <sup>and the actual</sup> ~~with these of~~ <sup>facts regarding</sup> E. Howard Hunt. <sup>and his agency role,</sup>

It is quite clear that at least a number of minor compromises of security are involved here. Additionally, personal opinion regarding a number of prominent and in some cases former Agency employees could be considered controversial if not actually damaging. Beginning on page 214, the manuscript describes General <sup>officer</sup> Cable's role in the Cuban episode and it can be assumed that this presentation would do

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little to add to General ~~Cabell~~'s reputation. Other references throughout the manuscript may also produce provocative if not alarming consequences when reviewed by those concerned or described.

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