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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT : Central Cover Staff Cover Asset Mr. Hanson
Retained to Defend E. Howard Hunt

1. This memorandum is for your information only.
2. Mr. Arthur Briggs Hanson, head of the law firm, Hanson, O'Brien, Birney and Stickle of Washington, D. C., has cut short his vacation plans and returned to Washington to assist in the defense of E. Howard Hunt in the Watergate 5 case.
3. Mr. Hanson is cooperating with Central Cover Staff in providing cover for a staff agent who is stationed in Athens and working on Arab and African targets. To date, this cover placement has presented no operational security problems. CCS has no information that Howard Hunt knows of Mr. Hanson's cooperation with CIA.

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/s/ ERICH W. ISENSTEAD

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