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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: RODRIGUEZ, Emilio A.  
#214442

1. Ellin Glenn, Executive Secretary, HMAB, contacted the writer to determine whether or not the Intelligence Medal of Merit awarded the Subject could be released to his immediate family now that the Subject is deceased.

2. As will be noted from the file, Rodriguez has been involved in covert activities with the Agency under one cover or another for a number of years. The Central Cover Staff (Tom Strange) was asked to provide the Office of Security with a "reading" of whether or not there was an objection to presenting this award as requested.

3. On 29 November, Hi Steele, Benefits and Services Division, Office of Personnel, brought for the attention of EAB a BEC claim being processed in behalf of the Subject's widow, a claim which alleges that the rigors and tension of the activities carried on by Rodriguez probably caused his fatal heart attack. Steele stated he had been in discussion with members of the family, and the Subject's sons, who are aware of the award, had asked him if it might now be released.

4. The Central Cover Staff reported that a contact with the WH Division and a thorough discussion of the case had led to a decision that the award should not be released to the Subject's family at this time -- primarily as a safety measure due to the very sensitive activities in which Rodriguez had recently been involved. All parties are aware of the security consciousness of Rodriguez's family but feel that the added factor of safety in this case is perhaps the better judgement.

5. The writer has informed Ellin Glenn, ES/HMAB, and Hi Steele of the decision and has suggested a recheck of this case in one year.

*31 March 70*

*Re. Hi Steele, OP, widow is living in Spain - will return to U.S. in Sept 70 & take up residence in Florida - Hi Steele would release award till fall of 1970 - widow very cooperative & capable of handling award.*

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