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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Review Staff

VIA : Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Senate Select Committee Request
(Charles Ford)

1. Reference is made to a 28 August 1975 memorandum from the Review Staff (75/2723), which contains a request from Mr. Mike Madigan, Senate Select Committee Staff, for information concerning the possible use by the Agency of one Charles Ford to establish contacts with the underworld for possible use against Fidel Castro. Referenced request indicated that Charles Ford was an Agency officer, who was utilizing the name "Rocky Siscalini."

2. A review of the Office of Security indices disclosed both an overt and covert file on one Charles D. Ford (SP #38 497), a current Agency employee serving with the Office of Training/Deputy Directorate for Administration. Cited files disclosed that circa 1962-1963, Charles D. Ford was issued official alias documentation under the name "Charles D. Fiscalini."

3. Charles D. Ford has been an Agency staff employee since 1952. The Office of Security files relating to Mr. Ford do not contain any information which would indicate he had been used to contact underworld figures for possible use against Fidel Castro. However, in November 1961 Mr. Ford was assigned to the Deputy Directorate for Operations, Western Hemisphere Division as an Operations Officer. A memorandum contained in his files, dated 30 March 1962, indicates that Mr. Ford was issued alias documentation under the name of "Charles D. Fiscalini." Cited memorandum further indicates that Mr. Ford was then assigned to "Task Force W," and was to travel to New York on 31 March 1962 to meet with an unidentified attorney who had contacted Mr. Robert Kennedy, the then Attorney General, concerning assistance for Cuban prisoners.

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Mr. Ford's files reflect that he was reissued this alias documentation in February 1963, to be utilized "in the Continental U.S. for operational purposes in pursuit of the mission of the Special Affairs Staff." On 10 July 1963, cited alias documentation was returned to Headquarters, noting that Mr. Ford was being reassigned within the Agency and would no longer require the use of the alias documentation.

4. As stated, Mr. Ford's Office of Security files contain no information concerning the specific nature of his duties on behalf of the Western Hemisphere Division, Task Force W, or the Special Affairs Staff. Attached hereto are copies of the pertinent memoranda referred to herein, which are dated during the 1961-1963 period. These documents have been sanitized in accordance with established procedure. Prior to the release of these documents to the Senate Select Committee, it is recommended that the entire package be coordinated with the Deputy Director for Operations.



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Director of Security

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