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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : A. W. Gray

SUBJECT: THOMAS RIHA
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(SINO-SATELLITE)1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malmfeldt

DATE: January 13, 1970

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Gray
1 - Mr. RedfieldTolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
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Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

Recommend attached letter be sent Attorney General (AG) regarding letter 1/8/69 to him from Congressman Donald G. Brotzman, Republican, Colorado, referred to us concerning disappearance of subject. Also recommend representative of Mr. Bishop's office personally apprise Congressman of facts. Brotzman, formerly United States Attorney Denver, 1959-1962; relations cordial.

Congressman requested information from AG by 1/14/70 concerning subject's disappearance from Boulder, Colorado, 3/69. He noted Riha may have disappeared because of "domestic complications." He stated he asked Bureau for report as to what had been done to locate subject. He wrote that Bureau advised, aside from preliminary inquiries, no investigation conducted. On 12/31/69 Mr. Bishop did advise Congressman's office FBI had conducted no investigation of disappearance, since no indications of violation of federal law in our jurisdiction. Congressman stated during course of similar inquiries, CIA advised it had no jurisdiction but understood FBI had looked into matter and might well know whereabouts of subject and circumstances involved. We did inquire of CIA through Liaison on 4/15/69 to determine if they had any interest in subject. They did not.

Subject, born 4/17/29, Prague, Czechoslovakia, entered United States 1947; naturalized US citizen 12/52; served US Army 1953-1955; attended Moscow University 6/58-9/59; prior to disappearance was professor of Russian history, University of Colorado, Boulder. We have no information concerning Riha's whereabouts and have conducted no investigation to locate. CIA advised Liaison 1/13/70 Congressman was told CIA was not investigating subject and not using him in any capacity. CIA suggested he might check with local police and FBI, but did not tell him FBI was investigating.

In 12/69 Denver received letter from subject's mother requesting information concerning son's disappearance. Denver Office replied this was matter not within jurisdiction of Bureau, however, offered if she so desired to place his name on Bureau's missing persons list. SAC, Denver, advised reply received from mother 1/13/70 declining to have subject's name placed on list.

ENCLOSURE 1-14-70

JWR:kml

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