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13 January 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: General Operation. MERRIMACK - Specific SDS

1. Until we receive further guidance from the Director of Security, it must be made perfectly clear to everyone that under no circumstances will any effort be made by personnel of this Division or of [REDACTED] to recruit any members of SDS as covert agents or informants.

2. However, we are authorized to proceed with the training as recommended in our recent memos. Further, we are authorized to direct the attention of our covert assets to the perimeters of SDS for the purposes of learning as much as we can about the movements and their activities and for the purposes of supporting possible candidates for recruitment when and if we are given permission to do so.

3. We have been given to believe that until the powers to be know the attitude and the type of direction that will be received from the new Administration, we cannot do other than what we have been authorized to do as described in Paragraph No. 2 above.

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Chief, Special Activities Division

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