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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: BAGLEY, Tennent Harrington
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1. On Wednesday, 7 October 1970, I briefed Colonel L. K. White, Executive Director-Comptroller, on certain reservations I have concerning the proposed promotion of Subject to a supergrade position.

2. I was very careful to explain to Colonel White at the outset that my reservations had nothing, whatsoever, to do with the Subject's security status. I explained that it was my conviction that the Subject was almost exclusively responsible for the manner in which the NOSENKO Case had been handled by the SR Division. I said I considered that the Subject lacked objectivity and that he had displayed extremely poor judgment over a two year period in his handling of this case. Specifically, as one example of Subject's extreme prejudice, I pointed out that the SR Division had neglected to follow up several leads provided by NOSENKO which subsequently had been followed up by this office (Bruce Solie), and this led us to individuals who have confessed their recruitment and use by the Soviets over extensive periods of time.

3. I explained further that Subject displayed extremely poor judgment in the actions he took during the time that NOSENKO was incarcerated at ISOLATION. On many occasions, as the individual responsible for NOSENKO's care, I refused to condone Subject's instructions to my people who were guarding
him. In one instance Subject insisted that NOSENKO's food ration be reduced to "black bread and water" three times daily. After I had briefed Colonel White he indicated that he would refresh the Director's memory on Subject's role in the NOSENKO Case at the time he reviews supergrade promotions.

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Director of Security