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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations
FROM: David D. Gries
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SUBJECT: Protecting the Name of Win Scott, 
COS Mexico City (S)

1. Members of our Historical Review Group have discussed at 
length with Don Cryer and Kathy Stricker our proposal to release 
Win Scott's name. The two sides have agreed to disagree. (S)

2. This is our position:

• Scott's name and position are widely known publicly if 
not officially acknowledged (David Phillip's book, 
among other overt publications). (S)

• The review board, soon to be established by the JFK 
assassination release legislation, will surely demand 
that we justify withholding Scott's name. Since his 
name is already in the public domain, the board will 
probably force us to release it. (S)

• The release of Scott's name and position would not set 
a precedent, as this project is undertaken in 
accordance with the special JFK assassination release 
legislation. (S)

• HR 70-14 reads, in paragraph e (6): "There is a 
presumption that information that has appeared 
publicly, including information that the Agency's 
Publications Review Board has approved for publication 
even if not confirmed officially, will not damage the 
national security unless the reviewer can show how 
official confirmation could reasonably be expected to 
cause additional damage to the national security." 
Phillip's book, identifying Scott, was approved for 
publishing by assistant General Counsel 
John K Greaney, not by the Publication Review Board. 
(S)
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- The continued withholding of Scott's name, in the face of widespread public knowledge thereof, will undermine credibility of the Agency, since Scott was a major figure in the investigation of Oswald's activity in Mexico City. As you know, Oswald's trip remains a major issue for the conspiracy theorists. (S)

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