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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John Walker
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SUBJECT: CIA Relations with ²⁹ Lykes Steamship Company

REFERENCE: Review Staff Memorandum (RS-76-0421/A), dated
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1. Cover and Commercial Staff (CCS) files reveal that three CIA employees served under cover of the Lykes Steamship Company during all or part of the period 1962 through 1964. One Agency officer was placed abroad under Lykes cover from 1961 to 1968. A second served under the same cover from 1953 to July 1962 before leaving the Agency to take a bona fide position with the company; he later agreed to assist the Agency as an intermittent source in Europe from 1964 to early 1967. A third officer was placed with Lykes in this country in 1961 and underwent training in anticipation of an overseas assignment; he was withdrawn the following year when the assignment abroad was cancelled.

2. There is no reference to Mr. ⁶ Owen Darnell in CCS files.

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