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Mr. [unclear]  
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[unclear]*MEMORANDUM FOR: Director  
National Security Agency

SUBJECT : William H. MARTIN

1. On 13 January 1968 this Agency received the following information from our liaison contact in the Canadian Department of State for External Affairs:

a. The Canadian Press Correspondent in Moscow, William BUCKLEY, approached our Embassy informally in the middle of December on behalf of William MARTIN, the ex-employee of NSA who defected to the Soviet Union in 1960.

b. According to BUCKLEY, MARTIN wishes to see his parents for compassionate reasons and wants to know if he would be admitted to Canada without fear of extradition to the United States if he were to arrange a rendez-vous with his parents in Vancouver. We do not know whether MARTIN still has a United States passport or whether he has become a Soviet citizen. In any event MARTIN considers himself inadmissible to the United States.

c. BUCKLEY met MARTIN at the apartment of Howard RAUSCH, the Moscow correspondent for McGraw-Hill Publications. In addition MARTIN later telephoned BUCKLEY to indicate his interest in finding out whether or not he could come to Canada. BUCKLEY assumes, quite rightly I would think, that the manner in which MARTIN has made his request indicates that his Russian hosts are aware of his interest in getting out of the Soviet Union to see his parents.

d. We have informed our Embassy that it should take no action to encourage BUCKLEY or MARTIN to believe that a visa would be granted if MARTIN were to make formal application. Since, however, MARTIN's interest in coming to Canada is already in a newspaperman's hands, we cannot rule out the possibility that BUCKLEY might write about MARTIN's interest. Such a story would probably lead to the need for an expression of the Canadian Government's attitude. In making recommendations on the kind of response that might be made in the event that a question is put to my Minister, it

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