

The CIA makes it clear, contrary to Soviet allegations, that I did not have any connection to American intelligence.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: _____

SUBJECT: Allegations Linking U. S. Correspondents
in Moscow with the CIA

1. As you know, a story appeared in this morning's edition of the New York Times reporting that the Soviet Weekly "Literaturnaya Gazeta" for 26 May 1976 contains an article alleging that three American correspondents in Moscow are associated with the Central Intelligence Agency. In addition, a copy of a State Department cable dated 25 May 1976 has been obtained which contains information along parallel lines. The State Department received the information from the Chicago Tribune correspondent in Moscow. (Copies of the Times article and State Cable are attached.)

2. Complete Agency traces have been conducted in the names of the six American correspondents mentioned in the Times article and/or State Department cable.

3. As a result of our traces the following information was developed: There is no record in Agency files of _____

There is a file in the Office of Security regarding Peter Osnos (Washington Post) but it contains only references to several stories written by Mr. Osnos about the Agency. There is no file on _____