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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Intelligence

I have learned that you asked for the Army summaries of captured material. For some time, the last two months in particular, I have had our intelligence liaison organization concentrating on a readable presentation on "Mafia" for my use as well as for the other officials concerned, particularly yourself. A highly specialized organization is now engaged in the very necessary process of separating the wheat from the chaff and correlating the items with past information in order that I may be able to quickly and intelligently evaluate the importance of the product.

Recently I have had these summaries bound in Black Book both for convenience of reading and for greater security in handling. Sometimes two or three of these booklets are gotten out in a single day. I think they contain all of the worthwhile information culled from the tremendous mass of material now available and that are accumulated each twenty-four hours. The recent discovery of the machines has added a tremendous amount of such material and will continue to give us a great deal from day to day. The problem is how to avoid being buried under the mass of information, and I think the present arrangements satisfactorily meet that difficulty.

I am attaching two of the current booklets which I hope you will glance through in order to familiarize yourself with the manner in which the information is presented. I will send these booklets each week to you direct at the White House.

/s/

R. H. HILLENKOTTER  
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 Director of Central Intelligence

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