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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: April 7, 1949

FROM : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth information telephonically furnished by the WFO at 1:30 P.M., April 7, 1949, to the effect that James Forrestal, former Secretary of Defense, had attempted to commit suicide on April 5, 1949.

DETAILS:

Mr. Kenneth Delavigne of the WFO telephonically advised that on April 6, 1949, through a technical surveillance maintained on [REDACTED] the WFO obtained a recording of a conversation [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The conversation was carried on in the Russian language and the translation, the results of which are set forth below, according to Mr. Delavigne had just been completed.

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As you know, no papers were printed in Washington yesterday due to the printers' strike. A perusal of today's Washington Post does not carry any information to the effect that Forrestal attempted to commit suicide.

For your additional information [REDACTED] is the subject of a pending investigation along with other subjects in the Sovme espionage case.

ACTION:

None. The above is for your information.

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