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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

On or about 16 April 1954, Mr. Burtellund (sp.?) of the Legislative Reference Service of The Library of Congress talked to Lt. I. T. McDonald on the telephone and stated, in brief, that:

1. He belongs to an organized Reserve unit of which Dr. Campaigne (NSA -R/D) is a member.
2. He queried Dr. Campaigne, who had referred him to Cdr. Pendergrass (NSA-TEC), who referred him to Mr. Friedman.
3. He had been requested by Representative Melvin Price to determine if, since we had intercepted and read (1941) Japanese messages indicating the possibility of an attack on Pearl Harbor, we had intercepted and read similar messages indicating the possibility of attack against other American bases or cities.
4. Melvin Price wanted the information that same day.
5. He (Mr. Burtellund) would prefer that the information not be given if it meant that Melvin Price's name would be divulged in connection with the request.

Lt. McDonald made no committal statement of any kind and gave no information of any kind. After discussing the matter with Mr. Friedman and the Chief of Staff, Lt. McDonald called Mr. Burtellund (Code 173, X 703) and stated that the requested information was not available and recommended that the suggestion be made for Representative Price to submit any such requests in the future through official channels.

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