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SUBJ: ~~CLARK BIOGRAPHY OF WM FRIEDMAN~~

1. FYI THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS SENT TO MR. RONALD CLARK DATED 3 AUG 76: "DEAR MR. CLARK:

"RECENTLY WE LEARNED FROM THE FRIEDMANS THAT YOU HAD COMPLETED A DRAFT OF YOUR BIOGRAPHY OF MR. WILLIAM FRIEDMAN. YOU MAY RECALL THAT IN THE DOD RESPONSE OF 9 FEB 76 TO YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE IN THE FUTURE. OUR FILES CONTAIN SOME MATERIAL ON MR. FRIEDMAN THAT COULD BE DECLASSIFIED COMPARATIVELY EASILY. IF YOU ARE STILL INTERESTED, THIS MATERIAL COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU.

"IN ADDITION, THERE MAY BE OTHER FACTS AND DETAILS THAT OUR HISTORIAN COULD PROVIDE, IF YOU WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO PERMIT HIM TO READ YOUR MANUSCRIPT. I BELIEVE HE COULD PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE, AND, BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF MR. FRIEDMAN'S WORK, WE WOULD LIKE HIM TO READ THE MANUSCRIPT, NOT ONLY TO ASSURE FACTUAL ACCURACY, BUT ALSO TO HELP YOU AVOID ANY STATEMENTS THAT MIGHT UNWITTINGLY TOUCH ON SENSITIVE MATTERS.

"I SHOULD HASTEN TO MENTION THAT WE CERTAINLY DO NOT WISH IN ANY WAY TO IMPEDE YOUR PROGRESS IN BRINGING YOUR MANUSCRIPT TO COMPLETION. OUR HISTORIAN, VINCENT WILSON, IS A PROFESSIONAL WRITER WHOSE ARTICLES AND BOOKS WRITTEN OUTSIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT HAVE WON HIM RECOGNITION AS A SCHOLAR AND HISTORIAN. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WOULD FIND HIM UNDERSTANDING AND HELPFUL. IT COULD BE ARRANGED FOR HIM TO MEET YOU IN THIS COUNTRY, IF YOU PLAN A VISIT OR IN ENGLAND. HE WOULD, OF COURSE, BRING THE DECLASSIFIED MATERIAL MENTIONED ABOVE.
 SINCERELY, /S/ NORMAN BOARDMAN"

2. TO DATE WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM MR. CLARK. IN THE MEANTIME, MRS. FRIEDMAN HAS RECEIVED THE MANUSCRIPT AND FORWARDED IT TO HER SON JOHN WHO IS LIVING IN TEXAS. JOHN HAS BEEN ASKED BY MR. CLARK NOT TO REVEAL THE MANUSCRIPT TO ANYONE. JOHN HAS INDICATED THAT, FROM HIS VIEWPOINT, HE DID NOT SEE ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE
 3. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. ~~X605-2~~

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