I concur with the draft of the memorandum to G/S, "Reclassification of NSA Film 'Mission'", dated 19 Jan 54.

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REMARKS
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cc: Col. Campbell
Mr. Hilebos, SEC
Mr. Densmore, PROD
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Mr. Friedman 19 Jan 55 60493/ecn
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TO: Mr. Friedman  
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FROM: J. T. Hilsbos, SEC

DATE: 21 Jan 55

Reference: Your D/F dated 19 January 55, same subject.

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John T. Hilsbos  
Assistant Chief, SEC
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