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We found a file in the OSD/ISA files containing what are clearly marked as boot-leg copies of sensitive memos and letters provided to the NSC and DOD by Ann Mills Griffith. Several are Earl Hopper letters and memos while he was Director of the NLF. Based on the notations by Childress and Armitage on the copies, it is obvious AMG was providing these without the knowledge of Hopper. Each was marked "Sensitive -Protect" - which is not a classification but rather a term meaning "protect the source of this document."

One marked in this fashion had a NSC memo signed by Childress addressed to Armitage and several other heavy weights. On the cover note Childress explained that the enclosed notes from a NLF board meeting were provided secretly by AMG, and that that no notes of that meeting were suppose to be taken "let alone provided to" the government. Childress' note cautioned that AMG would be at great "jeopardy" if it were disclosed that she were providing this. The document was a transcript or notes from a NLF board meeting in which Billy Hendon presented his argument on live POWs. Also attached was a AMG memcon of a follow-on meeting with Childress and LeBoutillier. 25 Nov 83

I requested that this document be copied and provided before I left, as it was unclassified. CDO said they had to first get NSC's approval since it originated from them. It can be reasonably argued, however, that documents such as this are not originator controlled. In any case, it has been referred to the NSC.

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The attached notes from an executive session of the Board of the NLF are not supposed to have been taken, much less distributed to government officials. Ann has taken this risk for the best interest of the issue, but they should be treated as very sensitive for she would be in obvious jeopardy should it become known.

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Attachments
Notes
NLF Memo dated 11/19/83