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MEMORANDUM FOR NEAL BALL

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON JACK ANDERSON COLUMN -
ELVIS PRESLEY

Elvis Presley came to the White House on December 21, 1970. He had informed certain White House Staff members that he wanted to report to the President on some of the activities (this includes financial support and public statements and appearances on behalf of law enforcement) he had undertaken in support of law enforcement throughout the country and of his efforts to fight drug abuse through his public performances.

He briefly sketched for the President his activities and then pointed out how much he loved his country, always felt that he had to do his duty for his country, his friends, and his family. The President expressed appreciation for the efforts which Presley had made and encouraged him to do more. When Presley asked the President for a Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs badge, Krogh was asked to look into it. Presley collects badges. An arrangement was worked out where Presley would receive a specially prepared badge from BNDD, with his name on it. (Refer questions on specifics to Justice.)

A few weeks earlier, Elvis Presley had been announced by the Chamber of Commerce as one of the top ten outstanding young Americans, a distinction which was concurrently bestowed on the President's Press Secretary.

Bud Krogh

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