Assistant to DD/P for Paramilitary and Air Support Operations

We recommend the creation of an office in the DD/P to be known as Paramilitary and Air Support Operations, under the direction of an Assistant DD/P, to develop the capability for covert paramilitary and air support operations. We suggest that the bulk of this new organization be located at Isolation where it will have facilities for organization and training. Such a move will also relieve the burden on the headquarters building. We recommend that the individual to head this organization be drawn from military service and be a senior Colonel or a Brigadier General with wartime paramilitary experience. Having in mind the total disestablishment of the DPD in its present form, we recommend that the Air Support Branch of DPD be transferred to the new Paramilitary Office of DD/P.

Domestic Division

We endorse the proposal to create a Domestic Division. We strongly urge that the new Domestic Division utilize the Contact Division of OO, which is to be transferred from the DD/I to the DD/P, as the nucleus for field work in the United States. We also believe that this Domestic Division should take over those functions of the Cover and Commercial Staff presently carried out by the Commercial Group, plus all those activities of the Cover Division which involve

CIA Personnel Under State Cover

We recommend that CIA personnel under the Department of
State cover make greater efforts to truly live their cover. We believe
in this connection that the DCI should receive assurances from the
DD/P, after proper study, that CIA allowances for rents, servants
and entertainment are in line with comparable State Department
allowances.

"Legitimate" Foreign Service Cover

We recommend that the Agency more and more place people under Foreign Service cover by the "legitimate" method of recruiting individuals, having them take and pass the Foreign Service exams and be commissioned in the Foreign Service and follow through a normal Foreign Service career. CIA should obviously keep the Department advised concerning these individuals, work with the Department on their assignments which will be mutually beneficial, and covertly train them. By this method such individuals will be under true Foreign Service cover and will not only be unknown to other intelligence services, but also to their colleagues in the Foreign Service.

Watch Committee report, circulate it to all agencies for consideration prior to discussion at the Watch Committee meeting when it could be decided upon in final form and reproduced and disseminated.

Related to the Watch Committee -- but also an important aspect of all coordinated intelligence community reports -- we believe that substantive disagreements should be encouraged and even spelled out in Watch Committee reports; that NIEs and SNIEs rather than being suppressed or covered by watered down language as is sometimes the case today, in all cases should reflect the consensus of views of the intelligence community. If there are differing minority views on the part of one or more agencies, including CIA, these should be spelled out in appropriate footnotes.

CIA Relations with the Department of State

We examined the relations of CIA with the Department of State.

Several matters of concern in this area are mentioned in the section on the DD/P. We would note that "covering" for the Agency poses certain problems for the Department in its relations with the Congress. These include such items that attract Congressional interest as: the number of officers in each Embassy, particularly the political section; the designation of CIA officers as FSRs; the CIA role in

handling State communications, etc. In these areas we recommend close liaison be maintained with State on Congressional matters and that whenever possible State be given a helping hand with the appropriate Congressional committees on these matters.

We are particularly concerned that the Foreign Service designations of CIA personnel under State cover, particularly FSR, are so revealing. We recommend that the Agency arrange with State to cover CIA personnel equally with FSS and FSO designations.

The Department of State indicated concern about the level in CIA on which Comint policy matters are handled, and also noted that on occasions there appears to be lack of coordination within CIA on Comint policy matters. This factor is one of the reasons why we recommend raising the level of Sigint policy matters to the Assistant to the DCI for Coordination and Intelligence Community Guidance.

State's Counter Communism Office

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We reviewed with some interest the proposed creation in the office of the Deputy Under Secretary for Political Affairs of the Department of State of a strategy group for combatting communism. While the full scope of its function is as yet unclear, we believe that CIA should follow the developments in this office closely as its activities will have considerable bearing on the work of the Agency.