

SR/ CPP

Chief, FI/Plans/Cover Division

Amendment to Project AERODYNAMIC

1. Cover Division has concurred in the Amendment to Project AERODYNAMIC herein proposed. In doing so, we wish to comment on certain developments in the project which directly affect the cover and of which we had not previously been informed.

2. In discussing this amendment with it has been learned that the original number of four persons, as set forth in your memorandum of 24 December 1952, has been increased to six. In addition to our normal concern over possible over-extension of a cover, we wish to point out that the organization in whose name the property is rented for this group, and are to that extent sponsors of the group, is unwitting as to the real purpose of this group. Since they have permitted the use of their name and their organization in this way without requiring that they be informed as to the nature of the operation, we have an obligation to them to insure that we do not subject them to compromise by over-expansion of the group or by otherwise incurring undue risk to the cover. Similarly, there is a matter of the use of technical equipment in the cover installation, which could serve to accentuate the inconsistencies between the cover story and the activities of the group. It is recommended that before any further expansion of the project in terms of numbers of people, scope of activity, or installation of technical equipment is undertaken, the proposals be carefully coordinated with the Cover Division.

3. In order that all aspects of this case may be reviewed in the present circumstances, it is requested that SR/ CPP prepare for submission to Cover Division a statement setting forth the cover story that each of the CASSOWARIES is using in connection with their association with the Agency. Furthermore, it appears that the administration of this cover device, particularly the method of paying the salaries of these individuals, should be reviewed in conjunction with Cover Division.

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