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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Members U. S. Government IDEALIST Community

SUBJECT : Redesignation of CIA Project Involving Utilization of U-2 Aircraft for Reconnaissance Purposes as Project IDEALIST

1. Effective immediately the term Project IDEALIST will be used to describe that joint CIA/USAF project involving use of the U-2 aircraft for reconnaissance of denied areas. The term CHALICE which was formerly utilized in this context is superseded by IDEALIST.

2. An IDEALIST clearance permits access to operational information pertaining to this project. Coincident with this change in project name it is desired that each participating agency review its roster of CHALICE cleared personnel with the object of identifying those individuals who because of the significant change in circumstances since 1 May 1960 will not require an IDEALIST clearance.

3. Upon the completion of this review, and by 1 February 1961 at the latest, each participating agency is requested to forward to the Security Officer/DPD, [REDACTED] 516 Matomic Building, two lists of personnel. One will include those persons debriefed under Project CHALICE (along with their signed debriefing statements) and the other listing the individuals who must be aware of Project IDEALIST in order to support its operations.

4. Possession of an IDEALIST clearance of course does not suggest that access should be had to details of all operations but only those the person requires to know in order to support IDEALIST. Along this line certain specific operations conducted under IDEALIST will require the maintenance of an access list by each participating agency of persons IDEALIST cleared who have been given information pertaining to these specific operations. Such specific operations will be identified in subsequent memoranda.

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