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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Air Support of Unconventional Warfare Operations (U)

1. Reference is made to a memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence, for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, dated 2 August 1961, subject as above.

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered your recommendations for current augmentation of troop carrier units which will provide wartime support to the CIA and the requirement for development of an aircraft which combines characteristics of high-performance aircraft with those of light, liaison types.

a. The 4400th Combat Crew Training Squadron (CCTS) established in April of 1961 became combat ready on 8 September. The primary mission of this squadron is to support guerrilla, counter-guerrilla, insurgency, counterinsurgency, and paramilitary operations. The requirement for wartime air support for clandestine operations outlined in the CIA memorandum is one which the 4400th CCTS has been established to help fulfill. Equipment now assigned to this squadron consists of SC-47's, B-26's, and T-28's. The US Air Force is in the process of expanding the 4400th CCTS to include the addition of STOL aircraft. This unit, or elements thereof, can augment the capability of troop carrier units charged with supporting clandestine operations.

JCS review(s) completed.

b. An operational requirement for a long range recovery aircraft which may meet CIA requirements has been established and

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proposals for development of such an aircraft are under consideration. A briefing by US Air Force personnel on the capability and state of the art to develop this equipment can be made available upon request. However, it will be necessary for the CIA to provide the US Air Force with more details concerning the proposed requirements for development of new equipment. The additional information should include specific locations of planned infiltration/exfiltration sorties, the maximum number of people to be transported and the weight and cubage of cargo. In addition more detail concerning the inadequacy of helicopter and "air snatch" equipment should be provided.

3. The CIA requirement is supported by USCINCEUR and CINCPAC. Information has been requested from USCINCEUR and CINCPAC which will provide a basis for determination of the quantitative requirements for STOL aircraft.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:


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