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From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: Director of Central Intelligence

Subj: Evasion and Escape

Ref: (a) Deputy Director CIA Secret ltr ER 6-8997
of 11 April 1955

1. In reference (a), the Deputy Director, CIA welcomed Navy comments on the CIA concept for further development of certain clandestine facilities. The concept paper had been forwarded under separate cover to the Chief of Staff, USAF for coordination in his capacity as Executive Agent for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in certain Evasion and Escape matters.

2. Since the Chief of Staff, USAF has referred the concept paper concerned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Navy viewpoints will be reflected in the Joint Chiefs of Staff's action. In view of the foregoing, no Navy unilateral comments are contemplated.

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Deputy Chief of Naval Operations
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Naval Operations
Department of the Navy

ATTENTION: OP-315, Support Operations Branch

VIA: Joint Subsidiary Activities Division
Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Evasion and Escape

1. Under separate cover, CIA has forwarded to the Chief of Staff, USAF, a concept for the further development of clandestine ~~USA~~ facilities designed to increase the CIA capability to support military recovery operations. The Chief of Staff, USAF, was requested to achieve appropriate coordination in his capacity as Executive Agent for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in E&E matters.
2. This concept has been developed as the result of a careful review, by the Clandestine Services, of CIA capabilities to provide optimum assistance to the Military Services. Our objective has been to lay the groundwork for the development of an appropriate partnership between CIA and the Services which gives careful consideration to the special capabilities of both parties. We feel that this concept moves constructively in this direction.
3. In essence the paper outlines clandestine activities to be undertaken by CIA as a supplement to the continuing Global Agency effort to provide the movement-line type of ~~USA~~ facility wherever feasible. In many areas of the world, however, the development of such facilities has proven to be infeasible, and it is believed that the implementation of this concept will tend to contribute towards the elimination of these blank areas in the Agency E&E effort by supplemental activity which will provide at least minimal clandestine support in major areas of significance to the Military Services.

4. Comments

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h. Comments of the Navy in this Agency's efforts to strengthen the overall evasion and escape capability will be welcomed and will assist this Agency in its continuing efforts in this field. It is anticipated that the Air Force will forward the CIA study to the Navy in the near future. Should you need additional information, we will endeavor to furnish it.

SIGNED

C. P. Cabell
Lieutenant General, USAF
Deputy Director

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