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19 March 1963



General Paul D. Adams
Commander-in-Chief
United States Strike Command
MacDill AFB, Florida

Dear General Adams:

This acknowledges receipt of your 15 February 1963 letter inviting CIA to participate in Joint Exercise SWIFT STRIKE III in July and August of this year.

We shall be pleased for the opportunity to plan for and demonstrate a role which the Agency could play in support of the Military in a contingency or limited-war-type operation. Preliminary discussions between [redacted] the Agency project officer, and Colonel Cardenas and Lt. Colonel Hasan, of your staff, indicate that CIA participation in the exercise will possibly be mutually beneficial.

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One of our problems, however, is security. The more active our participation in military exercises, the more difficult it is to maintain security of our Clandestine Services. For this reason, we have, with the concurrence of Colonel Cardenas, adopted the cover designation [redacted] [redacted] for this exercise, and a complete unclassified mission statement has been furnished to him. Purpose of this cover is to shield CIA participation from non-military observers, the press and foreign visitors. CIA personnel will be identified as Agency representatives to members of the military on a need-to-know basis.

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It is hoped that CIA's participation in SWIFT STRIKE III will contribute to a clearer understanding of our respective roles in unconventional warfare and further our joint efforts in developing sound practices for the operations of a JUWTF.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Marshall S. Carter

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: CIA Participation in SWIFT STRIKE III
REFERENCE: Letter from CINCSTRIKE to DDCI,
15 February 1963

1. This memorandum requests your action as noted in paragraph 4, below.

2. Background:

a. As a result of an exchange of memoranda between General Lemnitzer, General Adams and the DDCI, CIA participated in SWIFT STRIKE II to the extent that nine CIA Staffers acted as observers/advisers at varying periods during July-August 1962. Their after-action reports indicated that participation in such exercises is feasible and mutually beneficial.

b. Reference requests that CIA participate in SWIFT STRIKE III during the period 21 July - 15 August 1963. We expect to participate in the exercise this year in active roles rather than as observers/advisers.

3. Staff officers from the Clandestine Services have attended two conferences with the STRICOM Staff regarding CIA participation in SWIFT STRIKE III. Their preliminary studies indicate that our participation is feasible and the capabilities exist to fulfill General Adams requirements. It is also believed that participation in the exercise will offer the Agency an opportunity to plan for and demonstrate the

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clandestine and covert action role which it would play in support of a military contingency or limited war type operation.

4. It is recommended that you sign the attached letter accepting General Adams' request for CIA participation in SWIFT STRIKE III.



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Richard Helms
Deputy Director (Plans)

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