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MEMORANDUM FOR: L. K. White

SUBJECT : Policy Guide Governing Public Appearances and Open Publication by CIA Employees -- Comment on.

*We are addressing ourselves here only to*

To begin with, I have two general comments. First, I see no reason for classification beyond "Official Use Only" and can foresee a time wherein we might have to use this directive openly and might be liable to accusations of hiding behind security unnecessarily. Actually, I see no classified information in it. Second, I think we need two separate statements of policy for which this draft would provide one such statement. As I see the two categories, they are first, policy relating to public statements by our employees acting in a private capacity and second, policy regarding public statements or writings with which the Agency as such identified itself. OK

Regarding the instant draft, the following are specific comments:

POLICY:

1. Subparagraph a. -- I suggest deleting the final phrase beginning "and when such activities," etc. Reason: The word "propriety" already used covers this contingency. OK

2. I don't think subparagraph b. is necessary at all and is not in consonance with the idea that this policy is for guidance of employees acting in their private capacity. ?

3. Subparagraph 3, first line -- I would suggest the term "when necessary" instead of the term "when desired." ?

THE AGENCY EMPLOYEE

Under this heading, I don't understand either the import or the utility of the last sentence and in any case it doesn't seem to mean much since whatever it's trying to say "may or may not be affected" by the paragraph. ? OK.

SUBJECT MATTER

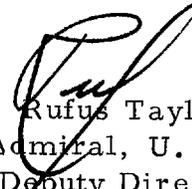
1. Subparagraph a. -- I think we should add an expression to the effect, "except as otherwise provided." Reason: Consistency with my general statement in paragraph 1 regarding separate policy statements.

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NO

2. Again, under this heading, I think we should have some statement to the effect that specific approval should be required for utterances, the basis for which stems from Agency employment. Reason: The Agency has proprietary rights over information an employee derives by virtue of his employment just as if it were an invention developed as a result of tasks set him by his employer.

OK  
but not  
here.



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