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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Kirkpatrick
General Carter
Mr. McCone

In accordance with Mr. Kirkpatrick's request, attached hereto is a paper intended to be used in support of a request to our Appropriations Committees that we be authorized to obligate [redacted] not obligated in the construction of our headquarters building for the purpose of preparing a preliminary plan for the construction of additional facilities at Langley to accommodate substantially all of our headquarters activities.

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This has been coordinated with the Comptroller and Legislative Counsel. The Comptroller suggests that consideration should be given to the possibility of building a temporary structure on the headquarters site to house elements of the Agency such as machine records, computers and similar services on a temporary basis. Although a certain amount of space might be obtained by such an expedient, we do not believe that it offers a real solution to our problem and cannot recommend taking this course.

Legislative Counsel concurs in our proposal, but raises serious questions regarding the timing. He feels that we should avoid any action which could tend to jeopardize early action on our Early Retirement legislation. He points out that the two subcommittees involved have always been concerned about the size of the headquarters staff and it is difficult to predict what their attitude toward additional construction as large as this might be. We agree generally with this reasoning. However, we feel that we should not delay bringing the matter to the attention of our Appropriation Committees beyond the date of our budget hearings.

Signed

L. K. White

Attachment:

New Headquarters Building Construction

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