

Executive Registry

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: ELINT Programs of Deputy Director (Research)

REFERENCE: OC-0991 dated 5 September 1962

1. By reference, the Office of Communications transferred to the Deputy Director (Research) ceiling positions and individuals associated with ELINT activities of that Office. On acceptance by the DD/R of responsibilities for COMINT applied research and quick reaction capabilities, it is understood that the OC proposes to transfer an additional individuals and ceiling positions. I am accepting that additional responsibility by this memorandum.

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2. A total of ceiling positions and incumbents are being transferred from the Office of Scientific Intelligence to the DD/R to effect the change of responsibility from that Office. One ceiling position has been identified for transfer from Technical Services Division, Deputy Director (Plans). Thus, the total ceiling now in sight for Headquarters ELINT and related COMINT support is individuals available.

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3. I have carefully reviewed the T/O of the Office of ELINT and find it conservative relative to work to be accomplished. In the past I have been personally aware of need for increased numbers of trained ELINT personnel, and I likewise am aware of new and expanding requirements which are facing the OEL. Of particular significance in this regard are extensive efforts to support the operational safety of collection vehicles operated under the cognizance of the Office of Special Activities.

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4. With this background, I am concerned that the OEL be provided sufficient ceiling to allow urgent recruitment and even more concerned that sufficient trained personnel be provided to handle existing and foreseeable work. In contrast to the [redacted] individuals available, I believe that at least [redacted] Headquarters T/O positions must be filled at an early date in order to assure continuity on existing programs and assumption of new duties by the OEL. As an aid to accomplishing present tasks, I believe that there are in the OC a number of ELINT trained personnel now assigned to other components who could fill this gap if they could be spared from present duties. I would appreciate your consideration of this possibility.

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5. While figures below may be slightly suspect as to the actual situation, in recent years total personnel reported as "full-time" ELINTERS in Congressional budgets and in the Consolidated ELINT Programs have varied between [redacted]. The total T/O being requested for the ELINT program is a close approximation of the latter figure; the total ceiling identified to date for the program in Headquarters and field contingents is 99.

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cc: Executive Director

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