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DD/R-266-62

20 June 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Responsibilities of the DD/R

REFERENCE : Memorandum for DCI from DD/R, February 1962, subject: Activities of DD/R (attached)

1. At the request of the DCI, the DD/R submitted to him in February his recommendations relative to the responsibilities of the DD/R as outlined in the reference. These recommendations were based on the general guidelines provided by the DCI at that time.

2. The following is the status of action on the specific points covered in that paper:

a. Development Projects Division - DD/P. On 16 April 1962, Headquarters Notice 1-15 transferred the Special Projects Branch and its supporting elements of the Development Projects Division to the DD/R. Since that date repeated attempts have been made to work out with DD/P a detailed transfer to the DD/R of individuals and their T/O strength within the DPD, but no action has yet been completed. The two major points of contention involve -

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(i) which it was agreed in a meeting on 8 June between Executive Director, DD/R and Acting DD/P should be transferred to the DD/R. This point is still being contended within the DD/P. However, a formal Memorandum of Understanding based on the agreements of 8 June is now ready for signature by the DD/R and DD/P.

(ii) The question of the assignment of a small number of administrative slots has been arbitrated by SSA/DD/S. A paper incorporating the detailed transfers required to implement the 16 April transfer directive has been signed by the DD/R and is awaiting DD/P signature.

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b. Technical Services Division - DD/P. No transfers of TSD functions or projects have been agreed on to date. Furthermore, the only subject even discussed with the DD/P has been the ELINT R&D activities currently in TSD. They have indicated a willingness to consider transferring these activities to the DD/R with the exception of agent ELINT equipment. This exception stems from the basic DD/P position that all development to support clandestine operations must be under the direct control of the DD/P. The DD/R requested the DD/P in writing on 6 June 1962 to discuss the following 3 specific projects:

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(i) [] This overseas backscatter radar station is under the field operation of DPD. DD/P has indicated a willingness to discuss this project but has not yet selected a date.

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(ii) [] This is a DPD-funded project monitored by technical personnel of TSD in direct support of the high priority development in DPD. DD/P has indicated a willingness to discuss this subject, but again has yet to select a date.

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(iii) [] This sensitive project in support of the DD/P is being largely funded by DPD utilizing their

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[] The DD/P has indicated a flat refusal even to discuss this subject.

In general, practically no progress has been made in discussions of the transfer of any TSD activities to the DD/R.

c. Supporting Research and Development. A draft assignment of responsibilities for the DD/R (attachment 2) prepared by the Executive Director and concurred in by the Acting DCI authorized the DD/R to develop an R&D establishment in any area of interest to the Agency. This has been interpreted by the DD/P to be restricted to "blue sky" type research removed from activities which might produce practical results in the next 3-5 years. Until such time as the basic roles and missions of the DD/R are established, it has not been possible to outline a meaningful supporting R&D program, and therefore this activity is at a standstill.

d. Office of Communications - DD/S. No transfers or firm approvals have been obtained for OC R&D activities. The draft responsibilities paper referred to above did involve the transfer

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of OC ELINT activities to the DD/R. OC representatives have been co-operating with the DD/R with an aim toward achieving such transfers by 1 July, but the details have not yet been completed. A Memorandum of Understanding specifically for Project [redacted] has been signed by the DD/P, D/CO and DD/R. This memorandum outlines the missions and responsibilities of the DD/R if the basic ELINT responsibility is transferred to that organization.

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e. Office of Scientific Intelligence - DD/I. The draft responsibilities paper authorized the transfer of OSI's ELINT activities to the DD/R, and OSI personnel are already working in the DD/R with a view to effecting an orderly transfer by 1 July. This paper maintains the remainder of OSI within the DD/I in contrast with the DD/R recommendation that it be transferred en toto to the DD/R.

f. National Photographic Intelligence Center - DD/I.
Automatic Data Processing Staff - DD/S
DD/P Scientific and Technical Collection

The DD/R paper did not recommend transfer of these activities at this time. It is still believed that after the roles and missions of the DD/R are established, consideration should be given to the integration of the above items into the over-all program structure.

g. S&T Career Service. The DD/R recommended the formation of such a Career Service, and this was in turn included in the draft responsibilities paper. The proposed assignment of responsibilities contained in attachment 2 would result in having a majority of the technical personnel in the Agency not under the command of the DD/R. OSI, TSD and OC would each have more technical personnel than the entire DD/R. An analysis of the problems involved in carrying out a true S&T Career Service within this structure indicates that the problems would be virtually insurmountable - therefore not a practical concept. In the place of a career service, the DD/R would now recommend a watered-down career council type of arrangement which would attempt to improve the management of S&T personnel by mutual agreement between the major Agency S&T components. The DD/R has been working with the Office of Personnel in order to institute recruitment programs and attempt to contact potential

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employees, but it has been difficult to conclude many of these negotiations because of lack of specific available jobs.

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Attachments: (2)

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