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MEMORANDUM FOR: Hon. Sherman Adams
Assistant to the President
The White House

SUBJECT : Proposed New Headquarters Building for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Title IV of S. 1675 and H.R. 5700, "The Military Construction Bill," presently under consideration by the Senate and House Armed Services Committees, would authorize the Director of Central Intelligence to construct the necessary headquarters buildings, facilities, appurtenances, utilities, and access roads at a cost of not to exceed \$50,000,000 and to acquire the necessary land at a cost of not to exceed \$6,000,000.

In consultation with the National Capital Planning Commission and the National Capital Regional Planning Council, some thirty (30) possible sites in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia were considered with the tentative conclusion that six (6) of these would meet CIA requirements. They were:

a. Maryland

Suitland to the southeast of Washington, and the so-called Casey Tract to the north in the vicinity of the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

b. Virginia

Arlington Hall near the junction of Glebe Road and Highway No. 50, and the Winkler property near the junction of Shirley Highway and Seminary Road.

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c. District of Columbia

Northwest Washington in the vicinity of the Heurich Brewery near the present location of our CIA headquarters building, and southwest Washington in connection with the over-all southwest Re-development Plan.

Further study of these six sites has lead us to believe that we should no longer consider either northwest Washington, southwest Washington, or Arlington Hall for reasons with which I believe you are familiar. Due to the fact that prevailing west to east winds in this area make locations east of the City more susceptible to "fall-out", we also believe that Suitland would probably be an unwise choice. The so-called Casey Tract is in an area where a heavy concentration of federal employees already obtains and, from a planning point of view, is, therefore, not desirable.

In view of these points and the additional fact that the [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] we have concluded that the Winkler property in the vicinity of the junction of Shirley Highway and Seminary Road, about seven (7) miles from the White House and five (5) miles from The Pentagon, is the most desirable of these six. However, we are also seriously considering the possibility of locating on the property of the Public Roads Research Center near Langley, Virginia, a distance of about eight (8) miles from the White House. We have not come to any final conclusion as we do not yet have our authorization or appropriation and also would wish to consult with you before doing so. At this time we believe that our best choice is either the Winkler property or Langley.

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