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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Briefing of Brigadier General John M. Breit, USAF

1. Brigadier General John M. Breit, Director of Special Investigations (USAF), will be briefed on CIA activities beginning at 1430 hours on Tuesday, 29 September, in the Director's Conference Room, Administration Building. He will be accompanied by Colonel Raymond S. Rife of the Office of Special Investigations.

2. Program:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Time</u>	
<u>Introduction</u>	General C. P. Cabell	1430-1435	
<u>DDI Activities</u> Current Situation in the Area	[Redacted]	1435-1505	25X1
<u>DDP Activities</u> Area Activities	Mr. Desmond FitzGerald [Redacted]	1505-1600	25X1

3. Administrative arrangements will be handled by [Redacted]

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BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN M. BREIT, USAF

John Martin Breit was born in San Antonio, Texas, on 28 January 1910. Enlisting in the Texas National Guard in 1928, he was made a First Sergeant and entered the US Military Academy in 1929 on a National Guard appointment. He was graduated in 1933 as a Second Lieutenant of infantry. Second Lieutenant Breit's first assignment was as Company Commander in the 34th Infantry at Fort Meade, Maryland. In 1935 he was transferred to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he commanded a company in the 9th Infantry. Graduating from Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1937, Lieutenant Breit was assigned to the 17th Infantry at Fort Crook, Nebraska, which is now Offut Air Force Base. He commanded a company there until 1939, when he was ordered to Pettit Barracks, Zamboanga, PI. There he commanded a company of Philippine Scout soldiers of the 45th Infantry. Ordered home in the latter part of 1941, Captain Breit became a Battalion Executive Officer in the 17th Infantry at Fort Ord, California, on 5 December 1941. Shortly thereafter, Major Breit became Regimental Operations Officer.

He was transferred to Camp White, Oregon, in 1942 as a Battalion Commander, 362nd Infantry. The next year, Lieutenant Colonel Breit became training staff officer, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, Washington. In this position, he was detailed as Army Ground Forces observer for four months for the Southern France invasion. He participated in the landings at St. Tropez and remained with the operation until joined with the Normandy forces in front of the Vosges Mountains. For this he was awarded the Legion of Merit. Shortly after promotion to Colonel in 1944, he assumed command of the 135th Infantry in Italy, fought with it until the end of the war, and earned the Bronze Star.

Ordered home in late 1945, Colonel Breit was again assigned to Army Ground Forces Headquarters in G-3. After graduation from the Air War College in 1947, he was assigned to Alaska and became Director of Plans for the Alaskan Air Command. Later the same year, he transferred to the USAF. Colonel Breit returned to Washington in 1949, where he was assigned to Headquarters USAF staff in the War Plans Division. In 1950 he was detailed as a student in the National War College. In 1951 he was assigned to the Joint Strategic Plans Group of the JCS. In 1953 he was assigned as Deputy Air Provost Marshal, USAF, where he was promoted to Brigadier General in October 1954. During the 1955-56 period, he was Director J-2 (Intelligence) for Exercise "Sage Brush" and in August 1956 became Deputy Director of the Joint Construction Agency in Paris, France. In August 1957 he became Deputy Director for Plans in Hq. US EUCOM upon the inactivation of the Construction Agency.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

The briefing for General Breit and Colonel Rife is being given prior to their making a trip to the Far East. I understand that the briefing was set up as the result of an invitation extended to General Breit by General Cabell.

General Breit received a previous briefing of CIA activities at the time he took over his present assignment -- on 23 January 59 General Cabell hosted a luncheon for him, with the briefing afterwards. You were out of the city at that time.

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