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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, JOINT SUBSIDIARY PLANS DIVISION  
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Comments on Draft Memorandum for Director,  
Joint Staff

1. I understand that the comments of OPC on the draft memorandum have been furnished you direct.

2. There are attached herewith my comments, principally as relating to OSO.

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R. H. HILSKOTT  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
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Comment on Control:

Paragraph 3 of draft memorandum clearly raises the issue of the difference between the nature and purpose of OPC and OSO operations. OPC is the clandestine tool of the foreign policy agencies of the Government. It must, therefore, seek and accept policy guidance from such agencies, in this case, State and the Joint Chiefs, as directed in NSC 10/2. OSO is a clandestine intelligence collection and counter-espionage activity which is not and should not be subject to outside policy control and which has operational security considerations of the most serious type. It is now, I believe, almost axiomatic that all clandestine activities of the Government must have central coordination and control. The NSC has placed this control function in CIA, subject to the "policy guidance" noted above for OPC. It is my feeling that policy guidance does not necessarily infer any operational control and that the degree of coordination and acceptance of outside operational control depends on the nature of the operation as determined by CIA.

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