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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable  
The Secretary of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT : Personnel Planning

1. The current agreements existing between the Department of Defense and this Agency provide that no overt personnel holding reserve status in the armed services and who are employed by the Central Intelligence Agency will be called to active duty without my prior concurrence. At the time of the agreements, no provision was made to insure retention of our covert employees. The security problem in attempting to cover such people indicated that any action would be undesirable until we were faced with a definite necessity.

2. The Agency is now faced with losing a considerable number of personnel who may be requested or ordered to return to active duty. Any such losses at this time would greatly hamper the Agency in carrying out its assigned responsibilities. It is requested that our existing agreement be reiterated and amended to include all covert personnel and that you inform the respective services of your concurrence.

3. Consideration has also been given to the method by which our covert personnel possessing reserve status can be retained. It is felt that this can best be accomplished by furnishing to a designated official in your office a listing of covert employees of this Agency who have military reserve status with their locations. Upon receipt, it is requested that you direct that the individuals listed not be called to active service without my prior approval.

4. It has now become highly desirable that our agreements include any individual with reserve status who has been selected, security cleared and designated for assignment to this Agency, and also individuals with reserve status selected for later employment. Upon the initiation of each appointment processing,

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your office would be advised so that suitable earmarking could be accomplished. This authority is necessary so that a planned procurement effort can be accomplished without the uncertainties of recalls to active duty.

5. Authorities are also needed at this time to permit this Agency to request active military service including direct commissioning whenever such military status is essential to a given operational situation. This authority would be used only upon my personal approval.

6. Discussions with officials of the Department of Defense indicate that plans will be finalized during the coming month for the administration of non-combatant personnel in the theaters of operation. It is my understanding that these policies will cover their housing, clothing, commissary rights, etc. It is indicated that all personnel within the theaters will be administratively governed by the Department of the Army as in World War II. However, your assurance in this will permit coordination with the present time where mutual assistance is possible between the Army and representatives of this Agency.

7. The Director of Selective Service assured me of his full cooperation on any personnel problems that arise because of possible draft action. It is felt that approval of my proposals to you and my understanding with General Hershey will preclude any serious loss of trained personnel without proper replacements.

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