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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Establishment of Direct Liaison Between Intelligence Department, Air Materiel Command, and the Central Intelligence Agency

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Executive, Directorate of Intelligence, USAF to DCI, dated 9 January 1950

1. With reference to your memorandum of 9 January 1950, subject as above, enclosing the draft of a proposed letter to the Air Materiel Command, I feel that such direct liaison between technical/scientific personnel of the Intelligence Department, AMC, and the Central Intelligence Agency is highly desirable.

2. There are, however, two or three sentences in the proposed letter in which I believe rewording will preclude possible differences in the interpretation of the agreement.

a. On page 2, I think paragraph 3b(2) of the draft should be changed to read: "The procurement, on a reimbursable basis, and translation, according to CIA-assigned priority, of foreign documents containing significant air technical information of foreign intelligence value."

b. On page 2, last three lines, substitute "and the Office of Operations (OO)" for "the Foreign Documents Division (FDD) and the Contact Division (CD)." These two Divisions are parts of that Office.

c. On page 3, in paragraph 4, I suggest substituting the following for the first two sentences: "Collection of air technical intelligence information by Air Materiel Command from non-governmental domestic sources (including US citizens, aliens within the United States, business and industrial concerns, educational and scientific institutions and other non-governmental organizations) will be made only by arrangement with CIA, except when such information is received as a by-product of AMC's normal non-intelligence relationship to USAF contractors or from domestic sources of unclassified printed material." Within the limits ---- (no change in the last sentence of that paragraph). It is believed that this rewording more closely follows the intent of NSCID No. 7.

ERO-9864, AFOIN to AMC re "Direct Liaison w/CIA", 5 Apr 50--
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3. It would seem to me that additional benefit from the exchange of air technical intelligence could be accomplished within the structure of the present Scientific Intelligence Committee, by representation on that Committee from the Air Materiel Command. This, I think, would best help with the suggestions in your paragraph 3a(1) and (3), and paragraph 3b(3) in your draft and would provide the best direct liaison with CIA's Office of Scientific Intelligence.

4. If the above suggestions are incorporated in your draft, I concur in this proposal. This Agency would appreciate knowing when you authorize the Air Materiel Command to have direct liaison and whether that Command proposes to designate specific individuals for this purpose.

- via ER 2/10/50.

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