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Rear Admiral Felix Johnson  
Director of Naval Intelligence  
Department of the Navy  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Felix,

I have checked on your memorandum of 19 March concerning CIA's transmitting a list of questions to the Commander in Chief, Far East, and find that we didn't handle it in exactly the correct fashion. It appears that our representative handed the questions and the Navy dispatch concerned to Colonel Baker, the presiding officer at the teleconference on 13 March. Colonel Baker, in turn, showed the questions to Captain Rodgers, your representative, who glanced at them and passed them back for transmission. Obviously this did not constitute appropriate coordination with ONI even though our representative believed that once they had been shown to Captain Rodgers they could be transmitted to the Commander Naval Forces, Far East.

I have given instructions that in the future all such questions should be transmitted directly to ONI.

Faithfully,

*s/ Bevell Smith*

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