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MEMORANDUM FOR: EXECUTIVE

FROM: Assistant Director, OCD

SUBJECT: Liaison with Department of Commerce

1. The following information is submitted in accordance with your memorandum request of 27 October.

2. OCD is charged by current functional statements and administrative instructions with maintenance of liaison with government offices in Washington. It is the intent of the instructions that (OCD) perform its liaison responsibility in such a manner as to minimize duplication of effort on the part of CIA personnel, to ensure compliance with the security regulations and policy of this Agency, and to avoid the embarrassment to CIA which results from free-wheeling liaison activities carried out independently by individual analysts. OCD cannot perform its liaison responsibilities, as defined above, without exercising a measure of surveillance over the liaison activities of other Offices. This fact was recognized when it became known that, in one instance, some forty (40) different individuals of CIA had independently approached the Bureau of Mines and obtained copies of a single publication. (Understandably, the Bureau of Mines complained.)

3. OCD is not now able, in practice, fully to carry out the intent of the instructions. OSO and OPC are specifically excluded from the provisions of [redacted] and all other Offices and Staffs of the Agency, to a greater or less degree, carry on direct liaison activities without advice to OCD. The problem is a very difficult and touchy one. Our liaison with the Department of Commerce is a good example.

4. OCD's liaison with Commerce is carried out by two Liaison Officers of the Liaison Division - [redacted] [redacted] They deal with the following units of the Department:

Office of the Secretary
OIT (Office of International Trade)
OTS (Office of Technical Services)
ODC (Office of Domestic Commerce)
Office of Publications
Bureau of Census
Bureau of Standards
Weather Bureau
U. S. Patent Office
Civil Aeronautics Administration
Coast and Geodetic Survey

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5. On matters of particular sensitivity, or on problems which require policy decision by the Secretary's Office, the Liaison Officers go direct to Mr. Bernard Gladieux who is Executive Assistant to the Secretary and who has been designated, with I&S approval, as Liaison Clearing Authority. Mr. Gladieux is unfailingly cordial and helpful. The Agency could not ask for more wholehearted cooperation than it receives from him. The only flaws in our relationship with him result from inadequate coordination in CIA itself - i.e., it sometimes happens that the DCI fails to advise OCD of action being taken on letters from the Secretary of Commerce which have been written as a consequence of discussions between Mr. Gladieux and the Liaison Officer. When this happens the Liaison Officer is unable to carry through on his undertakings with Mr. Gladieux. A specific example is given in the following paragraph.

6. OIT, the Office of International Trade, is perhaps the most important unit of Commerce from a foreign intelligence standpoint. Its Sub-Liaison Clearing Authority is Mr. H. P. Van Blarcom. He is thoroughly cooperative, and is well indoctrinated as to security, for he was Chief of ONI's Foreign Trade Section during the war. He invariably gives us everything we ask for, and our only difficulties with him stem from our inability, due to security policy, to give him reciprocal service. He points out that OIT gives considerable assistance to CIA and to the NIS program, but is unable to gain access even to the end result of the work to which it has contributed.

This Office has learned of several liaison contacts set up by other Offices of CIA, without advice to OCD, with OIT:

25X1 Mr. [] of ORE has had discussions with Mr. Frederick Olmstead, Deputy Chairman of the Appeals Board in OIT. Date and subject of the discussion are not known.

25X1 On August 22, 1949, the Secretary of Commerce wrote to the DCI to ask that a representative of CIA participate in continuing discussions of export control matters. The DCI's office sent the letter to ORE, which wrote a letter in reply nominating Mr. [] for the job. Mr. [] thereafter carried out continuing liaison with OIT, and OCD

25X1 received no word of it until Mr. [] encountered difficulties in getting prompt delivery of agenda and working papers which were sent to him by OIT. We have learned, informally, that Mr. [] recently introduced another ORE analyst to the OIT people with whom he conducts his liaison, and it seems likely that this was [] (Copies of the Secretary's letter and of ORE's reply are attached hereto.)

25X1 Mr. [] of OSO maintains direct liaison with a Mr. Blomquist of OIT. This resulted from a discussion between the OCD Liaison Officer and Mr. Gladieux, Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Commerce. In consequence of this discussion a letter was sent to the DCI by the Secretary of Commerce, requesting that a channel be set up for the transmission from CIA to Commerce of information on foreign firms which might serve as transmittal points to the U.S.S.R. of materials shipped to them from the U.S.A. The letter was sent by the DCI to AD/OSO, and the latter nominated [] for the liaison duty. OCD did not learn of this

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transaction until after it had been completed, and it has not seen the correspondence in question.

25X1 Mr. [] of OSI has asked for continuing direct liaison with two officials of OIT, and I&S on 13 September was requested by OCD to render a decision. No decision has yet been rendered, and OCD has some reason to suspect that Mr. [] may have gotten tired of waiting and gone ahead on his own hook - for there are indications that his path in OIT has crossed that of ORE's people. 25X1

7. The Weather Bureau is of particular importance to OSI, and its Sub-Liaison Clearing Authority is Mr. I. R. Tannehill, Chief of the Synoptic Reports and Forecasts Division. The OCD Liaison Officer has arranged a number of ad hoc meetings for various OSI and ORE personnel with officials of the Weather Bureau, chiefly in connection with meetings of the Joint Meteorological Committee of the JCS.

25X1 [] of OSI has asked OCD to set up continuing direct liaison between himself and (1) Mr. Richelderfer, Chief of the Weather Bureau, and (2) Mr. Eberly, the latter's assistant. He has also asked that all future liaison between CIA and the Weather Bureau be channeled through himself, and that Mr. Eberly be designated as Sub-Liaison Clearing authority in place of Mr. Tannehill. I&S has not as yet rendered a decision on [] request for direct liaison, and OCD has informed him that it must continue to serve as the official liaison channel with the Weather Bureau under existing instructions.

25X1 [] Chief of the Biographic Register, has requested permission to contact Mr. Tannehill as one of the fifteen people comprising his "advisory panel" on foreign scientists. I&S has been so advised and we are awaiting their advice as to what security restrictions must be imposed.

8. The U. S. Patent Office has, as its Sub-Liaison Clearing Authority, Mr. Thomas Murphy. Mr. Murphy is Assistant Commissioner of the Office, and he has been very cooperative and security-conscious in all his dealings with us.

25X1 In response to a request from OSI, we arranged this summer for [] of OSI to go daily to the Patent Office and screen all foreign patent applications. [] 25X1

25X1 [] the arrangement was discontinued after several weeks trial, as OSI decided that not enough was gained by it.

9. The Bureau of Standards, for a variety of reasons, is especially difficult. Its Director, Dr. Condon, is regarded with a rather jaundiced eye by I&S; and its Assistant Director, Dr. Wallace Brode, is a man with whom we have all had dealings. The Sub-Liaison Clearing Authority is Dr. Robert Huntoon, Chief of the Atomic and Molecular Physics Division, and he is so occupied with other matters that we have been unable to establish satisfactory working contact with him. I&S has therefore authorized OCD to deal with other Division Chiefs, provided that we give them no written

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requirements and no oral requirements classified higher than Confidential. OCD has asked I&S to approve of Dr. Astin, Chief of the Electronics Division (and the Bureau Security Officer) as Sub-Liaison Clearing Authority in place of Dr. Huntoon. I&S has not as yet taken action on this request.

25X1 Chief of the Biographic Register, wishes Dr. Astin to serve on his advisory panel for information concerning foreign scientists. I&S has been advised of this request, but has not as yet made a decision.

10. Other units of Commerce have offered no serious problems. Our Liaison Officers deal with their Sub-Liaison Clearing Authorities, and have encountered good cooperation in all.

11. Libraries of the Department of Commerce, and of its subordinate units, have satisfactory inter-library loan arrangements with the CIA Library.

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12. Our liaison with most units of the Department of Commerce is operating satisfactorily on a routine basis, although we know that other Offices of CIA have established independent liaison with the Office of International Trade. We do not know, and have no way of knowing, how many CIA analysts of the other Offices are carrying on discussions with people of OIT. I&S is slow, perhaps unavoidably, in dealing with OCD requests for security guidance in the establishing of direct contacts for ORE and OSI personnel, and undoubtedly this is a factor which contributes to the natural tendency of every good analyst to set up his own liaison as seems to him best.

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Executive

Liaison with the Department of Commerce

1. Information is requested by 2 November 1949 as to the present situation, to the best of your knowledge, with respect to our liaison arrangements and relations with the Department of Commerce.

2. Information should include any matters involving duplication of effort, any difficulties encountered, and unauthorized contacts which have come to your attention.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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