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

SUBJECT : Liaison Officials

REFERENCES : a. SECRET letter addressed to Admiral Hillenkoetter from Mr. Hamilton, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, on above subject, dated 28 June 1950, enclosing signed agreement.

b. Similar letter of same date classified TOP SECRET, enclosing signed agreement classified SECRET.

1. The agreements attached to the letters referred to above are satisfactory and acceptable to this Agency. They have not, however, been signed by CIA pending further determination of appropriate liaison control points.

2. The covert operational Offices of CIA have many common problems involving policy determinations, security of operations, avoidance of duplication and conflicts, and mutual support matters which can be more readily, expeditiously, efficiently and securely handled through a single operational liaison contact control point in the Department of State. It is considered highly desirable from the CIA point of view that this principle be established and maintained in the future. It is recommended, therefore, that consideration be given to designating a State Department Policy Clearance Liaison Official to be a single point of policy liaison control for the Office of Special Operations and the Office of Policy Coordination, CIA, and any other CIA covert operational matters not the responsibility of those Offices.

3. Except for the strictly covert operational aspects of the agreements referred to, the only liaison control points to be established are in connection with administrative and logistic support matters, both overt and covert. These matters resolve themselves generally into problems of personnel, budget and fiscal items, supply movement of personnel and material, and related security problems. As the responsibility and means for handling such problems in the Department of State are all vested in your Deputy Under Secretary for Administration, it is further requested that consideration be given to designating either him or a qualified subordinate in his office as

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Administrative Liaison Official for all CIA matters involving mutual administrative and logistic support problems with your Department. In this connection it is desired to point out that a number of mutual administrative support problems are already being most efficiently handled in direct coordination with activities of the Deputy Under Secretary's office.

4. Each of the Liaison Officials recommended above would, of course, desire to designate qualified assistants to help carry out his responsibilities, and agreement upon such assistants can be made between each Liaison Official concerned and his opposite official in CIA.

5. Assuming your concurrence in the above proposal, the following Liaison Officials will be designated in CIA to perform similar functions under the terms of the agreements:

a. Policy Clearance Liaison Officials

(1) For OSO - Assistant Director for Special Operations

(2) For OPC - Assistant Director for Policy Coordination

(3) For balance of CIA - CIA Executive

b. Administrative Liaison Official - CIA Executive.

SIGNED

R. H. HILLENKOETTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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Incoming ltr to DCI from Sec/State, dtd 28 June 50, and proposed changes to liaison arrangement as proposed by the Acting Executive dtd 7 July 50 are filed in 400 A Top Secret File for 1950.

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