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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief/Project  
FROM : Chief/Air Support  
SUBJECT : Sterile Pilots For Phase Four Operations

1. In view of [ ] decision DIR 49987 it is strongly recommended that Chief Air Support immediately take action to recruit four C-47 pilots (unwitting U.S. pilots).
2. In addition to above, also recommend that the four presently available cargo kickers be replaced by unwitting U.S. personnel (due to close association with ROBA for past year, it is believed that these kickers know about the Company and could blow our story to the new replacement pilots).
3. The new air crews (four men each crew - total eight) be hired by [ ] for CALLIGERIS. Men to be contacted by [ ] only. [ ] to be employee of CALLIGERIS representing CALLIGERIS to hire Americans to work for him for sixty days. (20 May to 20 July).
4. Guarantee pilots \$5,000.00 U.S. for these sixty days plus travel expense required in connection with job. Any time over sixty days to be prorated based on \$2500 per month.
5. Guarantee cargo kickers \$2,000 U.S. for sixty days. Prorate as above for over sixty days plus travel expenses.
6. The Chief Air Support personally knows a pilot who has been thoroughly trained by him in the art of black flight aerial resupply into drop zones. The Chief Air Support can and will personally guarantee that this pilot can do the job. In fact, he is considered the best in the business.
7. Estimated cost of air crew to perform required missions is \$36,000 including travel expenses.
8. The pilot referred to in para 6 is: [ ] [ ] He has been security cleared. His present location is believed to be Hawaii.

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9. [ ] has sufficient background and experience to hire his own air crews thus cutting out [ ] except for [ ] contact. In other words, [ ] could be contracted to do the job as directed by [ ] [ ] could hire qualified personnel in Hawaii and fly his crews direct to any place selected by us.

10. We would provide [ ] with the two sterile C-47 aircraft and make necessary arrangements with [ ] to use SOMERSET. We would write cover story to indicate that aircraft belong to CALLIGERIS. (Copy attached.)

11. If above plan approved, plan to use presently available crew chiefs to perform ground maintenance of aircraft. These two mechanics will not fly on aircraft (note one of these mechanics is a [ ] mah. If this objectionable may be able to have Maguire bring one with his crews.)

12. In view DIR 49987 strongly recommend implementation above plan immediately. Only thirty days remain between now and "D" Day.

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Chief/Air Support

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Proposed Cover Story
- B. Brief Outline of [ ] Background
- C. Record of Phone Call