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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel []

SUBJECT : Cover Directive

1. Attached please find one copy of the cover directive prepared by Col. Ginder's office.
2. Col. Ginder requests that this directive be shown only to Col. Ennis and such staff officers [] who must be informed. The directive is to be used for "flash" purposes only, since its wording and lack of signature would keep it from standing up very long if expertly scrutinized.
3. Col. Ginder recommends that, after showing the directive to Col. Ennis, you ~~retain~~ retain it in your files. The second copy is being retained by Col. King and the third by Col. Ginder.
4. Col. Ginder recommends that you and Col. Ennis prepare at your earliest convenience a simple, innocuous statement that can be handed to the press in the event of any local press inquiries. It would be useful to have a copy of this statement at H_e adquarters.
5. Washington press inquiries will be handled by Mr. Stohly who is fully briefed. To backstop Mr. Stohl, General Balmer is briefing Col. Brad Smith and General Erskine.
6. There are also attached some extracts from technical manuals made by Col. Ginder. He suggests that they may be useful to familiarize project personnel with some gobbledygook to support the cover story.

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