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TO : [ ]  
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SUBJECT: Basic Unit Designation and Letter of Requisitioning Authority  
for EDUCATOR and EDICT Projects.  
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1. There are attached the two following documents:
  - a. Draft of a memorandum to Maj. Gen. William Hall under the subject, "Request for Cover Designation".
  - b. Draft of a memorandum to Commanders Concerned under the subject, "Supplies and Services for \_\_\_\_\_ Unit".

The purpose of these drafts is to establish, under proper Army authorization, a basic unit designation for operations connected with the Educator and Edict Projects and to have issued, pursuant to this new unit designation, a letter of authorization which will enable us to obtain all necessary services, supply and other operationally necessary forms of support from the Army.

2. The name of the new unit has not been finally determined by us and, therefore, is not shown in the attached drafts. When we have selected a name for the unit, we will immediately inform you of the name by cable and request authority for the activation of the unit in that name and the issuance by the Adjutant General, EUCOM, of a letter of requisitioning authority comparable to the attached draft.

3. The reasons for this request for the activation of a new unit designation and the issuance of a letter of authorization along the lines suggested in the attached draft are as follows:

- a. The unit designation used in connection with the former Umpire Project, "7989 Special Technical Unit", was unavoidably associated with the Karl operation during the initial organizational phases of Umpire when it was indispensable that we draw on Karl for certain forms of administrative

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support. We now propose to liquidate this former unit designation and to activate the new one contemplated in the attached drafts. It is believed that this liquidation of the former designation and activation of a new one will directly assist in disassociating the Karl operation from our own in the minds of various military personnel with whom we must deal in this theatre. In this connection, when we finally determine where our various operating units, including field headquarters, will be located, real estate and other property now held in the name of "Special Technical Unit 7989" will be liquidated. In addition, the new unit designation can be used, if necessary, in connection with the activation of future operations.

b. With regard to the attached draft of a letter of requisitioning authority which will be issued in the name of the new unit, this type of letter is needed for two basic reasons: (1) Our present letter of authorization which we are using to obtain services and support from the Army is entirely inadequate, and (2) ▲ letter of much broader authority is required in order to permit us to obtain the necessary theatre support for our operations.

4. For your information, there is attached a copy of the letter of requisitioning authority which we have heretofore been using in connection with "Special Technical Unit 7989". Aside from the somewhat unfortunate wording of this letter, the scope of the letter is inadequate and we have been unable to use it effectively for the purpose of acquiring certain urgently needed supplies and support. For example, we have been unable, under this letter, to obtain servicing of our vehicles from the Army.

5. With reference to the attached draft of the proposed new letter of requisitioning authority, the scope and terms of this letter are comparable to authorization letters issued by theatre for Karl. This letter will, in our opinion, provide us with all necessary support and services from theatre.

6. In connection with any letter of requisitioning authority--such as the draft of the one proposed herein--there is on file with the Adjutant General's Office in Washington a single basic letter of authority, directed to all Commanding Generals and authorizing services and support for our organization throughout all command areas. This fundamental letter of authority is generally referred to as the "400 letter". The reference on this letter is "AGAO-S-D-M400 TS, October 24, 1946." I understand there has been only one major amendment to this original letter. This occurred when the name of our organization was changed from a group to an agency.

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7. I wish to make it clear that the name of this new unit, when recommended by us in the near future, will not necessarily be a cover name for operational purposes. It is primarily the name of a unit against which the Adjutant General's Office, EUCOM, can issue a basic letter of requisitioning authority along the lines of the attached draft. In fact, we may decide against using the name of the new unit for the actual drawing of supplies and other forms of support. However, regardless of whether we use the name of the unit for drawing supplies and support, it is necessary that the basic letter of requisitioning authority be registered and on file in the Adjutant General's Office in the name of the unit. Supplies and services may be drawn by us in the names of other unit designations which we can establish and activate, subject to the approval of the Adjutant General, merely by filing proposed cover names with his office in this theatre. Therefore, this new unit name is not necessarily related to the problem of operational cover. This problem is still being studied by us and we will give you our recommendations concerning cover arrangements for our operations as soon as possible.

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Draft of Memo to Maj.Gen. Hall.

Draft of Memo to Cdrs. Concerned.

Copy of ltr. auth. requisitioning dtd 18 Aug. 48.