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12 FEB 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM: [Redacted] Director of Technical Service

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SUBJECT: Background on OTS Relationship with Los Angeles Police Department (S)

REFERENCE: Memo for D/OS fm A/OGC, dtd 15 Sep 75;
Subj: Proposal to Establish Liaison Between OTS and Selected US Police Department Bomb Squads (S)

1. We would appreciate it greatly if you would sign the attached condolence letters which we plan to send following the recent tragic deaths of two Los Angeles bomb squad officers who were well and favorably known to their counterparts in the Office of Technical Service (OTS). We in OTS have benefitted greatly from the willingness of members of the the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to share the experience and expertise in dealing with terrorist bombs which they have gained in the daily performance of their duties. These two officers who recently died as a result of injuries suffered in the line of duty were particularly helpful to us and generous with their time. (S)

2. The relationship between OTS and the bomb squad of the LAPD goes back several years, having originally been approved in OGC Memorandum #76-5023. It constitutes a technical liaison of a non-operational character whose purpose is to provide OTS and the Intelligence Community with current information concerning the types of modus operandi and terrorist devices which are in evidence in the Los Angeles area. We have benefitted from observing the LAPD's techniques for identifying, handling and disarming terrorist bombs, and LAPD representatives have from time to time, most recently in January of this year, spoken at conferences of our own [Redacted] personnel. In addition, the information which the LAPD has been able to contribute on [Redacted] terrorist devices has been of great value to us and to our work overseas with liaison services who have to deal with that particular threat. (S)

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Signed by

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Attachments

- A. Reference
- B. Condolence Letters



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OGC 76-5023

15 September 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security
Attn: Mr. Ervan Kuhnke

FROM : Richard L. Rininger
Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT : Proposal to Establish Liaison Between OTS and
Selected U.S. Police Department Bomb Squads

1. This Office has reviewed the OTS proposal addressed to you seeking your assistance in establishing liaison arrangements with the Los Angeles Police Department Bomb Squad and the New York City Police Department Bomb Squad (DD/S&T Memorandum #3841-76).

2. Under the proposed liaison arrangement certain OTS personnel would converse directly with representatives of these bomb squads in order to learn their techniques in identifying, handling, and disarming terrorists bombs and obtain advice concerning the technical aspects of countering explosive devices. It is also anticipated that OTS personnel would periodically visit these bomb squads to observe their operational and training procedures. Establishment of the proposed liaison arrangements is subject to the prior approval of the respective Chiefs of Police.

3. It is the opinion of this Office that the liaison arrangement contemplated here is authorized by the terms of Executive Order 11905, section 5(c)(2). Within the Agency, the controlling regulation is Headquarters Regulation [redacted]

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Richard L. Rininger

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