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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT: General Tunner's Requirements

1. In pursuance of your request I have, today, discussed informally with Colonel Macia the requirements which you reported to me might be covered for General Tunner by AQUATONE.

2. Colonel Macia informed me that General Tunner's requirements originated as follows: General Gruenther requested authority from the JCS to conduct overflights to obtain intelligence on SACEUR Atomic Strike List. Authority was granted for 16 such flights. General Tunner has the responsibility to accomplish this purpose.

3. According to Macia, General Tunner is in the position of either obtaining a commitment that his targets will be covered by AQUATONE or if that is not possible instituting operations himself. Macia stated that AFOIN would not like to see CIA make a commitment to cover these targets for the reason that they are not of sufficient vital importance. (The 220 targets which compose the SACEUR Strike List do not coincide with the AFOIN targets which are considered by it to be of sufficient importance to warrant the risk of a project such as AQUATONE).

4. Macia stated that the reply to General Tunner's cable (which I have not seen) which requests a commitment from CIA with regard to his targets will be the subject of discussion and decision on 15 June between General Evers, General Lewis and the Chief of Operations. Macia indicated that Colonel Berg would transmit guidance to Mr. Bissell thereafter.

5. Insofar as AQUATONE (initially shallow penetrations subsequently deeper) covers Tunner's targets, AFOIN will insure (a) that the product of such AQUATONE overflights will reach Tunner through the TALENT Control System for his use and (b) that since Tunner's operational flight plans which he may feel he must undertake must be approved, in Washington, AFOIN will be in a position to give guidance so that Tunner does not duplicate AQUATONE overflights.

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6. It was clear that at least Macia and Lewis preferred that Tunner's operation not be undertaken because of its possible jeopardy to AQUATONE as well as for other reasons not stated.

7. I informed Macia that I would report this information to you and that you had indicated you may wish to speak to General Lewis on this matter subsequent to our talk.

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