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14 September 1961

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, DPD Admin

SUBJECT : Course report Air Operations Course, No. 34

REFERENCE A : Memorandum from Assistant Chief, DPD to Chief ASB dated
25X1A9a 12 September 1961, Same Subject, DPD-5605-61

REFERENCE B : [redacted] Report for Air Operations Course No. 34,
dated 11 August 1961

25X1A9a 1. The following remarks are submitted for your information as a
result of [redacted] comments in paragraph three of Reference A.
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25X1A9a 2. Of particular significance, certainly to the Personnel Branch
of DPD, were the remarks [redacted] in paragraph 3b and 4c of
25X1A2g Reference B. I should like to say that the EOD dates reflected on the
25X1A9a Form 73's that are mentioned throughout Reference B are all technically
correct. However, three of the individuals attending this course,
[redacted] were utilized by Detachment 1 during
the height of [redacted] activity in a TDY capacity. They were, in effect, *active duty*
at that time Air Force assignees, simply on loan to the Agency. They
subsequently were assigned to us PCS as military detailees. I can easily
understand [redacted] failure to comprehend what is apparently the vast
importance of telling Training how long a man has been associated with
the Agency as opposed to what his actual official EOD date is. It seems
to me this sort of thing could have been easily determined in the first
day of the course and actually it is simply a relative matter as to
whether they have been with us three months or six months. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 3. In the case of two officers attending the course, whose EOD date
was reflected as slightly over a year ago, [redacted]

25X1A9a [redacted] have been working for the Agency for
over three years, again I must say that the EOD date is correct. However,
again in these cases, there are qualifying factors. These two individuals
had worked with our people in the Far East for a considerable period of
time, but were in fact for a great deal of this time assigned to the [redacted] 25X1A6a
Air Division, which Division provided air support for our need. Again I
can easily see why [redacted] did not take cognizance of the fact that
close association with the Agency by these two people for a long period
of time would be of such importance [redacted]

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4. Finally, I would like to say that I feel [REDACTED] should be completely relieved of any blame for tardy submission of the Forms 73. Bob has told me that for days, if not weeks, before the start of the course, he made repeated attempts to get from the Air Support Branch a list of those people who would be attending. At last, almost by chance, he managed to obtain the best available list in existence and this was only a very short time before the course began.

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5. I don't intend to sound too defensive in these remarks, however I have the feeling that [REDACTED] is blaming obvious lack of control over the students on several factors over which the Office of Training could be expected to have no control. I don't admire the attitude several of the students are reported to have had. However, conversely I feel that they could have been asked to leave the course if their performance in fact had a negative effect on the overall outcome of the instruction.

6. So be it.

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[REDACTED]
Chief, Personnel Branch
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