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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Administrative Division, OSA

SUBJECT : Relationship of Air Weather Service Personnel  
to Operations Division, OSA

REFERENCE : OSA HQS Notice No. 1-15, dtd 20 Jun 62

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1. [REDACTED] made a point of seeing me the other day on the question of the relationship of the Weather Branch to the Operations Division of OSA. The line of argumentation which he presented dealt with his view that it was inappropriate from an organization standpoint to show himself and his weather officers subordinated to the Chief, Operations Division, since normal Air Force practice is to relate the Weather Staff to the Commander in a staff advisory role comparable to that which we have elected for both the Communications Staff and the Intelligence Staff.

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2. [REDACTED] further comment was that AWS Headquarters would be depressed to find their role expressed organizationally as was done in the reference. This, of course, is a protocol matter, but since we have had such excellent support from the Commander, AWS, I am anxious to see that we do not unwittingly contribute to his discomfiture in any way. I also feel that having made a number of other concessions in our formal organizational structure, i. e., the two alluded to above in Commo and Intelligence plus SRS and the Technical Analysis & Evaluation Staff, we are not exactly in a good position to refuse [REDACTED] request.

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3. I should like to emphasize for the benefit [REDACTED] however, that despite this concession which, after all, is more form than substance when it comes to getting the job done, we will expect him and his staff to coordinate fully with the Chief, Operations Division, in the scheduling and conduct of missions' briefings held within this Division. While we do not wish to deny [REDACTED] direct

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access to the Commander on meteorological matters, we shall expect that, in any instance where this takes place, the Chief, Operations Division, will be simultaneously notified of the substance of these conversations, especially when they involve current operations.

4. I realize that it is impossible to design an organization chart which satisfies all personnel covered by it, not to mention the various regulatory bodies within the Agency itself, but in this case I feel that an exception can properly be made. Would you, therefore, accordingly modify your reference issuance by a new attachment along the lines above.

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(Special Activities)

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