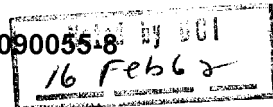


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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COVER SUPPORT TO OPERATION [REDACTED]

I. OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE

The objective of this operation is the ferrying of U-2 aircraft from CONUS to Midway Islands by [REDACTED] pilots.

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II. GENERAL OPERATIONAL COVER PLAN

A. General Cover

The ostensible purpose of these flights will be that they represent an overwater navigation phase of a broad orientation and training program for several [REDACTED] pilots. This phase involves sustained operation at maximum altitude and range limits of various aircraft of U. S. manufacture. Under these circumstances complete reliance is placed upon the navigational system, without reference to land masses, from the point of departure to a distant destination and return.

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III. PERTINENT COVER STORY TO BE DISSEMINATED BY RESPONSIBLE ACTION OFFICE AS INDICATED BELOW

A. General Press and Publication Inquiries

1. Cover Story

Response to local general press queries will be identical with that given in Section II, paragraph A, above, under GENERAL OPERATIONAL COVER PLAN. Queries regarding incident will be answered as outlined in paragraph III-B.

2. Responsible Action Office

Department of State

3. Coordinating Offices

Central Intelligence Agency  
Department of Air Force

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B. Incident Regulatory Explanation

1. Cover Story for Pilot

In the event of an incident the pilot will contact the nearest military authority for assistance in contacting his home base. If necessary, he will identify himself with the story as given in Section II, paragraph A, above, under GENERAL OPERATIONAL COVER PLAN.

2. Responsible Action Office

Department of Air Force

3. Coordinating Offices

Central Intelligence Agency  
Department of Air Force

IV. The following named individuals are being furnished a copy of this document for purposes of internal coordination with cleared personnel within their respective departments:

Mr. Roger Hillsman - Department of State

~~Col. Ernest Christensen~~ - Department of Defense

Lt. Col. Cameron B. Benson - Department of Air Force

[REDACTED] - Central Intelligence Agency

Mr. Thomas Parrott - Office of the Military Representative  
to the President

Col. Leo P. Geary - AFMIGS, Special Projects, USAF

V. It is recommended that each Agency maintain a list of all cleared personnel within their respective organizations who have been briefed on this Cover Plan.

VI. The Central Intelligence Agency will notify each Agency of any change to this plan and in turn requests that any alterations be coordinated with CIA prior to implementation.

CIA CONTACT [REDACTED] - DFI Cover Officer

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CIA CONTROL CENTER Code 143 - 351-5771

HOME TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

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