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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT: United States Foreign Information Policy Guidance

1. Recently the State Department submitted for approval of member agencies of the POC a document entitled "U. S. Government Foreign Information Policy." (Attachment A) This document is a statement which points out the authority with which these propaganda guidances speak.

2. Paragraph 4 of this document says: "propaganda guidances are binding on all foreign information activities of the departments and agencies of the U. S. Government." This sentence has been one that has been of concern to my staff which fears that at a later date the statement might be used to restrict CIA media. CFI has made this concern clear to Dr. Compton and Mr. Connors of the POC, but they have said that, although the document did not so state, it was understood by the Department that this statement of guidance was applicable only to the overt agencies. Finally, it was agreed that Dr. Compton would refer the matter to the DCI for comment or concurrence.

3. It has been suggested that the word "overt" be added to the last sentence of Paragraph 4 of the guidance paper so that the sentence would read: "Under nationally approved plans, these guidances are binding on all overt foreign information activities of the departments and agencies of the United States Government." However, it was CFI's view that insertion of the word "overt" would be inappropriate because:

a. Use of the word "overt" would call attention to the fact that there were other propaganda programs than the overt.

b. This document will receive wide distribution in United States official circles abroad.

4. Consequently,

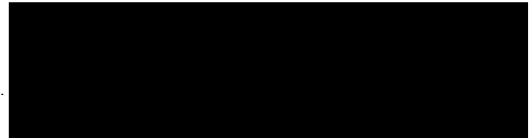
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4. Consequently, in order to safeguard CIA interests, it is recommended that you sign and forward the attached memorandum to Dr. Supton, saying that CIA concurs in this statement on guidance, but with the private understanding that the guidances are binding only on those agencies controlling overt media. For your information, this recommendation has been coordinated with the Office of the General Counsel.

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Chief
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Attachment

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