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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Administration  
Office of the Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Insurance of Agent Property

REFERENCE : Memo to COP/DDP fr C/FI dtd 27 Oct 53, subj:  
"CIA Interest in Insuring the Personal or  
Real Property of Agents Used in Covert Opera-  
tions."

1. I have reviewed the staff study indicated in the above refer-  
ence and, for reasons given in the study, concur that the subject can  
be made one of inquiry. I agree that, where Agency interests are not  
fully protected, the owner of property which is necessary to an opera-  
tion should be strongly urged to insure it and that, in situations  
where this is not possible, field stations should be authorized, in  
deserving individual cases, to request authority to reimburse the agent  
for a proper portion of his expenses in this connection. Generally,  
it would seem that situations in which the Agency's paramount opera-  
tional interest would be jeopardized by a lack of insurance are infre-  
quent. However, in such cases it would be entirely proper for official  
funds to be used to provide the necessary coverage.

2. The referenced staff study does not explore sufficiently the  
question of the criteria that determine whether reimbursement should  
or should not be made. However, it does propose that an instruction  
be developed on the over-all subject. Therefore, I believe the instruc-  
tion should contain appropriate criteria and procedures for obtaining  
approval of reimbursement in each specific case. The appropriate  
administrative offices are available to assist you in developing such  
an instruction.

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