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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Briefing of military Attaches

1. Inquiries to O/TR from ORA for the privilege of making special arrangements for briefing of military attaches have been brought to the attention of OIC.

2. The briefing of outgoing military attaches through the Strategic Intelligence School and the Naval Intelligence School through arrangements established by O/TR has been generally satisfactory. ORA, OSI and OO are the DD/I Offices principally participating in such briefings.

3. All of the outgoing attaches do not go through the S. I. S. or the N. I. S., and it is felt that the Training Office should investigate whether arrangements can be made for the briefing of such attaches. This O/TR has agreed to do.

25X1 4. ORA, OSI and [redacted] feel that in certain cases
specialized briefings would be beneficial to subsequent re-
25X1 porting. While it is deemed inappropriate for ORA, OSI and
[redacted] to levy requirements through discussions with
attaches (there being a normal channel for such), it is believed
25X1 that for officers going to certain posts a more specific orienta-
tion regarding the nature of research in ORA and OSI and
[redacted] needs would greatly facilitate the attaches' re-
sponding to requirements when levied through normal channels.

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DIA has no objection to
declassification and release.

DIA review(s)
completed.

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It is believed by O/TR, and the interested Offices agree, that meeting this need is not primarily or substantially a Training problem and that somewhere in DD/I the responsibility for judging the validity and utility of special briefings and the making of arrangements therefore should be handled.

5. OCD has made arrangements for this Agency to obtain information on what attaches are going to what post and the backgrounds of the individuals. OCD does not believe that it should be functionally responsible, however, for making the arrangements with OAR, OSI and OO for the special briefings and escorting the attaches to such briefings.

6. OIC has some doubt that such specialized briefings are so materially distinct from the general responsibility which O/TR has for arranging and managing the briefings at S. I. S. and N. I. S. If it had to be done in the DD/I area, it is not clear how much work in addition to the function in paragraph 5 would be required. Accordingly, for the time being, OIC has agreed to make the arrangements for the briefings in order to obtain first-hand experience regarding the number of attaches and the nature of the problems alleged to exist in this matter. After a month to six weeks experience, OIC will prepare, in cooperation with the interested Offices, a recommendation for the permanent placing of this responsibility.

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7. of OIC will be the officer in charge of receiving requests from OAR, OSI and OO for briefing of military attaches after those Offices have been notified by OCD, and he will make the necessary arrangements.

8. On the request of OAR, OIC undertook to arrange with appropriate officers in the State Department a discussion of the question of what arrangements can be made for giving specialized briefing to foreign service economic reporting officers going to the field.

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OBI reports its interest in this respect is not clear but that it will in the near future report to OIC whether it is interested in comparable arrangements on scientific intelligence.

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