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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief SO/SCS

SUBJECT: Briefing of Military Security Officers
by USIA Security Office.

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1. Pursuant to telephone conversation yesterday between yourself, [REDACTED] and me there follows a brief resume of a meeting on or about 16 August 1954 between USIA and the security representatives of the military agencies:

a. The USIA Survey (IAC-D-82/1) contained a recommendation that "USIA inform the intelligence agencies as to USIA's present security practices". The IAC agencies were asked (IAC-D-82/2 and IAC-D-45/55) to concur in proposals to release to the USIA the National Intelligence Survey and National Intelligence Estimates.

b. On receipt of these proposals, each of the four military intelligence agencies notified [REDACTED] office that they felt it necessary to be briefed as to USIA's security practices in order to develop a departmental security recommendation on the proposed releases. Accordingly, on or about 16 August 1954 a meeting was arranged at which a security representative of each of the four military intelligence agencies was briefed by Mr. Noone, Chief of USIA's Security Office. Present also at this meeting were [REDACTED] staff and Mr. Loomis, Special Assistant to the Director, USIA.

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c. Mr. Noone related that USIA was governed by the same executive orders which are binding on all executive departments; he outlined the steps that had been taken by USIA to screen its personnel and provide physical security; and he arranged to provide each of the agencies' security representatives with copies of USIA's pertinent internal security regulations. It was also pointed out that USIA participates in sensitive actions

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and handles classified material pertaining to those actions involving NSC, OCB, State and CIA, and that the Joint Chiefs of Staff has authorized release to USIA of pertinent classified military information. After consideration by the military agencies' security representatives of Mr. Noone's briefing, and without further questioning, those agencies (Navy and Army) which previously had had doubt as to USIA's security joined the representatives from the Joint Intelligence Group and the Air Force in affirming that USIA's security practices seemed sufficiently complete so that these representatives could recommend, from the security point of view, to their chiefs that the military intelligence agencies concur in the proposed releases. This concurrence was reflected in approval by the military agencies of the proposed releases of intelligence to USIA. (IAC-D-82/3 and IAC-D-45/12. 6)

2. Attached for your information is a copy of the DD/A's comments on the draft USIA Survey Report dated 6 July 1954. The DCI approved the USIA Survey Report on 23 July 1954. Copies of a letter to the Director, USIA, containing the DCI's approval, were distributed to all Deputy Directors. All pertinent IAC documents have been distributed to DD/A and SO.

3. Recognizing that the security practices of USIA (or any other agency) may from time to time change, and recognizing too that it is SO's role in CIA to watch these matters on behalf of the Agency, the progress report (IAC-D-82/6) on the USIA Survey may be considered in error in that it inferentially includes CIA as an agency "informed" as to USIA's security practices. As [REDACTED] suggested, we could get out an amended IAC document; such a document might insert the word "military" before "intelligence agencies" in the security item. However, you felt, and we agreed, that such action is not necessary.

4. The main point now, as you indicated, is to take a next step and, as you further indicated with regard to security, this is best done directly between security offices.

5. I believe it helpful to note Tab A of the USIA Survey (IAC-D-82/1) which provides that any intelligence provided to

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USIA would be subject to whatever controls the originating agencies might place upon it.

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6. Recently [REDACTED] OCD/LD, [REDACTED] and I discussed the question of security vis-a-vis USIA with the following result:

a. That SO had no objection at this time to releasing material to USIA.

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b. That, with regard to USIA's security, [REDACTED] would check with you and [REDACTED] to determine if SO was satisfied with USIA security and, if not, he would deal directly with USIA security office.

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7. Although SO had previously discussed USIA's security practices with USIA in connection with the pre-survey dissemination of intelligence from CIA to USIA, it might be that SO may wish at this time and in view of the recommendations of the USIA survey, to consider again the security practices of USIA.

8. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know.

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