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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT: American Universities Field Staff

1. The attached description and samples of the American Universities Field Staff (AUFS) service represents something new and somewhat different in foreign area reporting and research. The service fills for an academician a gap in foreign area analyses between the journalist's "on-the-spot" reporting and the researcher's finished report. Each field man is committed to prepare at least ten letters a year. While he will accept suggestions as to topics he should cover, he personally determines the subject matter he will report and analyze.

2. Several CIA offices as well as other Government agencies have expressed an interest in subscribing to the Service. The cost to each agency will be \$1,000 per year for about 40 copies of each letter. Altogether a subscriber receives about 100 different letters per year.

3. It will be helpful if you will indicate, on the basis of the attached sample report and descriptive materials, whether this reporting service would be of value to the Office of Training, and if so, how many copies of the reports will be required. It would be appreciated if I could have your reply by 27 August. Please return the attachments.

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**Office of the Special Assistant
to the Director
for Planning and Coordination**

Attachment

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