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MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Chief, Security Branch, OSA

SUBJECT : Proposal to Convert Contract Security Personnel to  
Courier Status

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REFERENCE : Proposed Cable to [ ] attached

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1. I am in fundamental disagreement with the proposal contained in the attached cable having to do with conversion [ ] of present security personnel in order to augment the courier capability available to these units.

2. As far back as I can remember, it has been a fundamental tenet of the Office of Security that Staff Employee status was a prerequisite for discharging properly the courier function. In our initial experience with contract guards at Detachment B, I recollect that one of the reasons for the difference between their pay level and that of the staff security officer personnel was that it had been decided that the additional responsibilities inherent not only in supervision but in discharging the courier function required this pay differential, and that if we were to continue to provide courier service, as opposed to having the Air Force do it, we needed professional security officers rather than air police.

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3. Another reason for my objection to this move, in addition to the 25X1  
fundamental one, is [ ] for instance, such a move tends to dilute

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4. If we are indeed at the point where additional courier support is required, and we are unable to obtain this from the Office of Security in conformity with professional security officer standards, I will take this matter up directly with Colonel Edwards upon your indication that this is the case.

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