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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, [REDACTED] Office of Operations

SUBJECT : Reserve Officers

1. Questions by Chiefs of Field Offices concerning reserve status and participation continue to be raised, indicating that our capabilities and limitations in this area are not generally known to the people who are directly affected. The following outline is intended to correct prevalent misunderstandings.

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2. We now have ten Army officers, who are located in the [REDACTED] who hold mobilization designations in the [REDACTED]. This number can be increased somewhat by individuals who apply - to the Unit Commander - for a mobilization designation. This designation will permit them to train with an Army unit where they are located, and to draw pay, earn promotion and retirement credits. Upon mobilization, they will be ordered to active duty in CIA, but only when CIA initiates the action.

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3. Unfortunately, the number of mobilization designations we have is limited by Army training funds. This means that we cannot possibly provide this kind of status to all reservists who want it. The best we can do is to keep our authorizations filled at all times. The reservists who are left out must resort to correspondence courses for training, promotion and retirement credits, and obviously get no training pay. If they affiliate with a local Army reserve unit, and get a mobilization designation in such a unit, it weakens our claim for their services upon mobilization, because by accepting such a mobilization designation, they are presumed to be ready to mobilize with that unit. They can, however, attend training sessions with local Army units strictly on a volunteer basis, and receive credit for training.

4. Two-week active duty tours also are governed largely by the Army reserve training budget, and cannot be guaranteed to every individual who wants this duty. He has to apply for duty through the Military District in which he lives. If the district has funds, and approves, he gets two weeks of duty, either with troops, in a school, or a special assignment.

5. The situation in

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5. The situation in the Air Force and Naval Reserve is analogous. Mobilization Assignments or Billets in the Organized Reserve are limited to reservists who can be mobilized at the discretion of the Air Force or Navy for assignment anywhere. CIA does not have mobilization authorizations for these reservists. However, they can affiliate with local Air or Navy reserve units for voluntary training, and CIA can block their being called to "extended active duty" by having the Department of Defense carry them in a "non-available" category. The volunteer training allows them promotion and retirement credits, but no pay. Two-week active duty tours are on an individual application basis, through a Numbered Air Force (Reserve) or Naval District.

6. Although it is difficult for your people to realize all of the benefits of reserve status while employed by CIA, the programs which are open to them will permit them to maintain reserve status and meet the minimum requirements without undue effort. Discrimination because of location of their duty station is not evident.

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