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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Continuation of Authority for  
Separation Compensation Payments

1. In a hearing before the House Appropriations Committee on Saturday, 10 February 1962, attended by Messrs. Cannon, Mahon, Taber and Ford of the Committee and Messrs. McCone, [redacted] Amory, [redacted] Colonel White and the undersigned of CIA, the question of continuing the authority for continuing the payment of separation compensation to certain individuals was discussed. It was pointed out that the original authority granted (in a letter from the Chairman to the DCI dated 12 January 1961) limited the number to be separated to 150 during the first year and provided authority for only one year. Colonel White indicated that we would prefer to have permanent authority in order to make this provision a part of the long-term policy of the Agency, and that he did not see any need for limitation of authority. He further stated that he did not anticipate the terminations under the provision would exceed probably 50 a year after the first group was processed.

2. The Chairman asked several questions, and then expressed the opinion that he did not see why the authority should not be continued without limitation. He asked the other members of the committee if they had any objections, and hearing none, he stated that the Agency could consider the review as approval for the continuation of the policy.

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Chief, Budget Division

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