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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Cable Secretariat

1. The function of cable distribution within the Agency was a responsibility of the Signal Center of the Office of Communications until 28 August 1952. At that time, by order of General Smith, the Cable Secretariat was established and attached to the Director's Office.

2. The Cable Secretariat received [redacted] positions from the Office of Communications at the time it was established as a separate entity and was concurrently increased by nine, making a total authorized strength of [redacted]. Approximately [redacted] individuals were transferred to the Cable Secretariat from the Office of Communications. Since that time, it has grown substantially and on 31 July 1955 had an authorized T/O of [redacted] and an On-Duty strength of [redacted].

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3. It is believed that possible savings of staff and funds could be made if the work of the Cable Secretariat was reassigned to the Signal Center. It is suggested that this question be made a matter of study by the Management Staff with a view of recommending the most economical and effective manner of handling the duties and responsibilities of the Cable Secretariat.

4. The question of the study, such as proposed in the above paragraph, has been discussed with [redacted] who has indicated that he would be willing to cooperate in such a study.

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/s/
E. R. SAUNDERS
Comptroller

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