

5 May 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Public Health Service Officials
relative to NIS Contributions

REFERENCES: (a) Memos for the Record dated 28 April and 2 May 1958

(b) Letter from Dr. H. van Zile Hyde,
Chief, Division of International Health,
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
To: [REDACTED], OSI/CIA

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1. A meeting was held this date in Room 3082, HEW Bldg., South, 3rd and C Streets, SW, with the following present:

Dr. H. van Zile Hyde, Ch/D/IH/HEW
Dr. Arthur Osborne, IH Representative
Mr. George Presson, Exec. Officer, IH Division

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2. The purpose of the meeting was to examine the proposed estimates for developing the Sections 45 to be undertaken by the Public Health Service for Fiscal Years 1959-60, and to indicate certain restrictions which preclude carrying out the penultimate paragraph of reference (b). As a result of the discussions it was agreed that Public Health Service would continue to produce CIA portions of Section 45 on four areas for each of Fiscal Years 1959 and 1960 with an augmented staff of five [REDACTED]

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4. It was explained to the PHS staff that we could not permit them to use our drafts directly for their own purpose because of security requirements; however, we agreed they could use the unclassified files and field observations developed for NIS contributions for their own purposes. This explanation was entirely satisfactory to the PHS people who agreed to this restriction on NIS drafts.

5. It was my impression that PHS staff was desirous of continuing on NIS work and that with the augmentation envisioned that they could do a first-class job on NIS contributions, particularly in view of the travel by PHS people in the areas on which they were writing to focus recent information. It might be added that the reason for the augmentation from the previous four-man staff to the present five is because part of their staff had previously been paid by ICA funds which are no longer available for this purpose. Before the meeting adjourned I indicated that we were desirous of having PHS do a major portion of NIS Section 45 contributions, and that it was our intention to build up their capabilities to the extent necessary to provide as a minimum an eight-area coverage per year on a continuing basis.

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