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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Government Employees Training Act

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On 20 January, conference was held with Mr. [REDACTED], Office of General Counsel, with reference to objections raised by the Department of Justice to the CIA request for exemption from section 19(d). Section 19(d) reads as follows:

"Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the training of any employee by, in, or through any non-Government facility any substantial part of the activities of which is (1) the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation or (2) the participation or intervention in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office."

It was decided to withdraw our request for exemption to this section in compliance with the request from the Department of Justice. It was felt that our withdrawal will in no way affect the future requirements of CIA since our covert training is conducted in establishments covered by security checks made by the Office of Security. Furthermore, should the rare circumstance occur wherein training of any type would be conducted under conditions described above, General Counsel feels that the National Security Act as amended will provide sufficient authority to act. Mr. [REDACTED] is drafting a reply withdrawing CIA objections to section 19(d).

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