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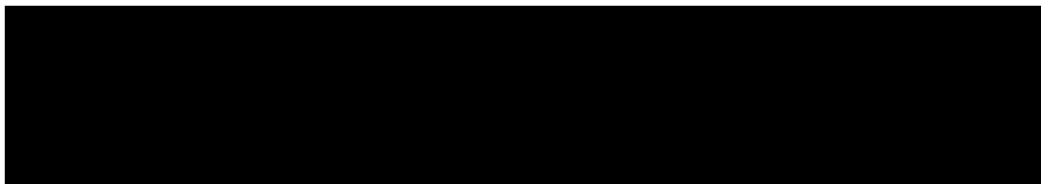
SUBJECT: Operational Programs of the Clandestine Services
for Fiscal Year 1961 -- Summary Action

1. PURPOSE

To formalize approval of the individual Operational Programs of the Clandestine Services for FY 1961.

2. BACKGROUND

a. As provided for in Agency Regulations and established procedures, the programs of most major components of the Clandestine Services have been reviewed and approved by the PRC and are subject to final approval by the Director of Central Intelligence. That portion of DD/P activities and requirements which was not a specific subject of PRC review is comprised of the following:



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b. Prior to the review of the programs, the Deputy Director (Plans) briefed the Committee on a number of key considerations which enter into a general revision of the criteria, procedures and ultimate goal of a revised program-planning system to be employed by the Clandestine Services. The new format reflects an initial step wherein:

(1) More emphasis is to be placed upon the programs (and less upon projects) as instruments of management and control, for purposes of providing policy guidance, defining operational targets and priorities, and for the allocation of attention (human resources and accessibility to targets).

(2) While the programs have been prepared to conform generally with the corresponding amounts of funds contained in

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the revised Congressional Budget, less emphasis is placed upon the programs as documents to govern the allocation of funds. They are submitted to the PRC with no implication that there will not be subsequent adjustments of and/or within these totals.

(3) In summary, the revised program system is being designed to provide better control at the top, in broader categories which, nevertheless, do set limits to freedom of action down the line while leaving, within those limits, decisions as to details to the operating levels.

c. Pursuant to the above, extensive substantive staff-work has been completed at appropriate echelons within the DD/P area and is reflected in the finished programs submitted to the Committee for review. In order for the total DD/P requirement for funds to conform with the limitations of the monetary ceiling imposed by the Congressional Budget, over-ceiling requirements have been set aside at the DD/P level as items for further examination and possible subsequent program adjustments. The subject of overages is therefore not presented as a matter for PRC action at this time and no overages are contained in this action.

d. Under the precedent of the action taken by the PRC and approved by the DCI on the DD/P programs for fiscal years 1959 and 1960, it is recommended that the FY 1961 programs also be approved upon a total DD/P basis, by summary action, and not upon a division-by-division basis. The following figures illustrate the financial magnitude of total DD/P requirements, as of 1 July 1960, within the limitations of the Congressional Budget:

- (1) Activities reviewed by the PRC
(see attached schedule)
- (2) Activities not reviewed by the PRC
(para 2 a, above)
- (3) Total DD/P requirement



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3. PROPOSAL

It is proposed that the nine (9) operational programs of the DD/P for FY 1961 be approved, for planning purposes, as submitted to the PRC in the

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total amount of [REDACTED] subject to the control of these programs, by the DD/P, within the limitations of the FY 1961 funds made available to him for the activities of the Clandestine Services.

4. ACTION

a. The response of the Committee to the introductory briefing by the DD/P (para 2 b, above) was favorable. The opinion was expressed that the new format (of the programs) constituted a workable presentation.

b. During the period 28 April - 2 June 1960, formal PRC meetings were held to review the programs of the following DD/P components: AF, WE, SR, WH, NE, IO, EE, TS, and FE. The Committee was in agreement in approval of all of the above, as presented, with the exception of the WH Division.

c. It was the opinion of the Committee that action (by the Committee) on the WH program should be deferred, pending resolution of certain questions revolving around: (1) An adjustment of the program to include provision of funds for the continuation of specific activities which had been presented by the Chief, WH, as "overages", for which supplemental funds would be required; and (2) a collateral consideration, by the DD/P, on possible upward revision of the WH monetary ceiling for program planning so as to conform precisely with the amount contained in the Congressional Budget for the WH Division.

d. The questions posed by the Committee on the WH program have since been resolved. Through internal adjustment of priorities and allocations, within the planning ceiling of [REDACTED] an easement of the WH "overage" problem has been effected. Therefore, the DD/P has elected to leave his allocation of monetary ceilings firm, as cited in column D I of the attached summary schedule.

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e. For the record, an IO Division "overage" in the amount of [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED] project was discussed. Inasmuch as this item was separately approved by the DCI as a supplemental requirement (ER 60-4917) and was also contained in the recently approved FY 1961 DD/P

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Operating Budget, it is not reflected in the programmed totals shown in this action. Otherwise, there is precise agreement between the [redacted] figure shown in para 2 d (above) and the approved FY 1961 DD/P Operating Budget.

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5. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Director of Central Intelligence approve subject action in the amount of [redacted] as proposed in paragraph 3 above.

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Deputy Director (Plans)

Inspector General

1 Sept 1960

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Deputy Director (Intelligence)

Deputy Director, Central Intelligence

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Deputy Director (Support)

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Director of Central Intelligence

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