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29 September 1976

STATINTL MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
Deputy Legislative Counsel

STATINTL FROM : [REDACTED]
Executive Officer, DDA

SUBJECT : Bicentennial Brochure

1. I found this chronological listing of documents (Attachment A) that relates to the Bicentennial. Documents prior to 1974 are at the Archives. I would assume the 22 January 1970 letter from the Chairman, American Revolution Bicentennial Commission (ARBC) to the DCI might give more detailed information as to what Federal agencies were asked to do. If you feel we need this, I can ask to have it retrieved, but it might take a couple of days to get.

2. There is a good deal of correspondence on requests for CIA to get with it. Internal CIA memos discuss various proposals. As I recall, it was about late October or early November last year that Mr. Colby decided a brochure or pamphlet would be acceptable. In fact, he enthusiastically endorsed this and desperately wanted it published prior to his leaving the Agency. It is clear throughout the notes and memos on file that the White House has been pressing the Agency to produce something for at least the last year. A copy of a letter to John Marsh from the Director and a copy of the Director's memo to Ben Evans (Attachments B and C) are attached for your information. Paragraph 3, Attachment D, gives a little historical background on the Bicentennial programs.

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Attachments

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Attachment A

Chronology of Correspondence
Pertaining to Bicentennial

22 Jan 70 Letter from Chm, ARBC to DCI

Asks for proposals of programs for Bicentennial by 1 April 1970.

9 Feb 70 Letter from ED-Compt to Chm, ARBC

States no specific proposals to make at time and not sure how CIA fits into program. Designates Mr. Walter Pforzheimer as point of contact.

✓ 18 May 71 Memo fr President to Heads of Federal Agencies

Requests cooperation with ARBC and designation of representatives "with authority" for Bicentennial matters.

LA 21 May 71 Memo fr DCI to President

Confirms Pforzheimer designation.

STAT 6 Oct 71 Memo fr [] to ADDI

Cites Pforzheimer memo of 21 Sept requesting [] send ARBC items dealing with National events being celebrated elsewhere and states step taken to do so.

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19 Oct 71 Memo fr Mr. Pforzheimer to ARBC

Confirms arrangements made []

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J 28 Jul 72 Memo fr President to Heads of Federal Agencies

States cooperation with ARBC "inadequate" and requests each agency head to (1) "designate an official of no lower than Assistant Secretary rank" to carry Bicentennial role and (2) send ARBC detailed report of Bicentennial planning by 18 August.

(undated) Draft letter fr ED-Compt to ARBC

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Acknowledges President's memo of 28 July, but suggests nature of CIA offers little to contribute to Bicentennial program; cites [] assistance and offers to help in any way possible. (Note: cannot determine from file if letter actually sent.)

31 Aug 73 Letter fr Counsellor to President to DCI

Introduces new member of staff for Bicentennial matters and asks full cooperation.

13 Sep 73 Letter fr DCI to Counsellor to President

Acknowledges letter of 31 Aug and designates Mr. Brownman as point of contact.

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

28 June 1976

The Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Jack:

Attached is the text of a pamphlet that we expect to come off our printing presses in the not-too-distant future. I believe it is responsive to our general desire that something hit the streets to commemorate the contribution intelligence has made to the founding of our nation.

George Bush
George Bush

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I'll send you the final version - Our researchers did a good job on this - GB,

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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28 June 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Ben Evans
Executive Secretary

FROM : George Bush
Director *GB*

Ben:

Jack Marsh has two or three times raised to me that the CIA do something on the Bicentennial. What he keeps talking about is the use of intelligence during the war 200 years ago.

He talks about the "Culper" ring; he talks about British agents being a vital part of the Revolution. He cites "historical precedence for espionage;" he talks about Ben Franklin being involved in the Franklin letter; about Hessian defections that were a result of a program run that caused numerous defections.

What I think we need to do is have one of our historians here or perhaps someone at the Library get a research paper that would not deal with the entirety of intelligence during the Revolution but might consist of useful excerpts for speeches for CIA people and for White House people showing that intelligence made a remarkable contribution to the freedom of this country.

Do we have such an in-house capability and, if so, would you please crank it up?

: George Bush

25 July 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Blake

THROUGH :

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SUBJECT :

American Bicentennial and CIA

1. As you requested, I have reviewed the contents of the package concerning Bicentennial Information Network (BINET). This memorandum is to inform you of the nature of its contents, but more than that, to alert you to some of the implications concerning the Agency's participation in the Bicentennial celebration planned for 1976.

2. For the time being at least, the subject of BINET may be considered a dormant issue. The BINET system, which has been in operation for about a year, consists of a Bicentennial information data base and a group of programs to establish, update, and permit controlled access to the data base. It is designed to provide a means for handling the large volume of information concerning Bicentennial projects and events of significance. The memorandum to the Agency from the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission (dated 25 July 1973), which described the nature and purpose of BINET, also contained a request for input to the system; that is, Bicentennial projects under development, to be returned to the ARBC by 31 August 1973. In the almost 11 months since the deadline, the Agency has neither responded to the request for input to BINET nor initiated development of Bicentennial projects.

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3. In preparing to review the BINET package, at [Redacted] suggestion, I got in touch with Mr. [Redacted] who recently became curator of the Agency's Historical Intelligence Collection. In a recent note to [Redacted] offered his services, if needed, in the Agency's Bicentennial program. He is, by the way, considerably involved in the Bicentennial on the outside,

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things, in his new position [Redacted] fell heir to a Bicentennial file maintained by Mr. Walter Pforzheimer, who until his retirement was acting for Mr. Brownman as the Agency's contact with the ARBC. I have also reviewed this file and find its contents worthy of your consideration.

[Redacted]

Agree with your recommendations. Keep in the past. Keep in - profile, no letter man. Disc. for H. H. [Redacted]

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3. The call for Federal agencies to become involved in Bicentennial programs apparently goes back to 1970, if not before. Since early 1970 there has been a fairly steady flow of correspondence from either the White House or the ARBC to heads of Federal agencies. This correspondence generally has requested the submission of projects for review by the ARBC. As the attached chronology reveals, the Agency has responded to some of this correspondence by naming a point of contact and offering some assistance to the Commission, but accordingly expressing doubt as to the feasibility of CIA participation.

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4. To my knowledge, no decision has yet been made as to whether the Agency will or will not participate. It would appear from the Presidential memoranda of 18 May 1971 and 28 July 1972 that we have no choice, yet no sanctions have been imposed for our failure to respond as requested. A determination one way or the other would seem desirable in view of the decreasing time frame.



5. You will note that the last item of correspondence officially designated Mr. Brownman as the point of contact with the ARBC. Assuming this will be another of your many "hats", I have taken the liberty of drafting a letter from the DCI to the Counsellor to the President for the Bicentennial designating you as the new point of contact (Attachment B).

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6. It is recommended that, at your convenience, [redacted] and I meet with you to discuss (1) the feasibility of Agency participation in the Bicentennial program and (2) if feasible, the nature and extent of such participation.



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Attachments:

- A - Chronology of Correspondence
- B - Draft letter for DCI signature

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[Handwritten note:] [redacted] has a strong personal interest in this program, but I think we should continue to go with a very low profile. There is no great urgency, and you may possibly want the ADD to monitor this program after 5 August. I would hold off on a Colly letter. [redacted]

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