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Spec. Asst. (Admin.) to DD/I Diary

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1. At Mr. Amory's request, referred to [REDACTED] the China Project, which had been concurred in by Mr. Wisner, requesting that the Project be developed in co-ordination with FI for PRC review and approval.

2. Colonel White suggested that I informally advise the Intelligence Offices that they should request provisional clearance of applicants for professional vacancies only where absolutely necessary. The question of continuing provisional clearance for this group has been under consideration with the DCI for some time and it is the feeling of DD/A that the DCI may require discontinuance of the practice. Due to the elimination of the unclassified training group, there is no longer adequate provision for training of professional people while in provisional status and therefore each case must be handled on an individual basis. This restrictive policy does not affect clerical personnel where provisional clearance is widely used and where there are adequate training facilities for the individual's pending clearance.

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