

7 May 1958

BRIEF FOR: CIA Career Council

SUBJECT: Status of CIA Civilian Specialist Reserve Program

25X9A2 1. The Director of Central Intelligence approved the establishment of the  
25X9A2 CIA Civilian Specialist Reserve on 26 January 1958. This program is initially  
limited to a pilot activity of [redacted] reservists confined largely to the Office of  
Communications. Contingent upon the success of the pilot operation, the program  
may be expanded to a maximum of [redacted] active reservists.

2. On 12 February 1958 the Director of Personnel requested the Deputy  
Directors to identify components under their jurisdiction interested in establish-  
ing units of the CIA Civilian Specialist Reserve. Requests for spaces were 25X1A7b  
received from the Director of Communications [redacted], the Director of Security [redacted]  
25X9A2 the Director of Training [redacted], and the Chief, [redacted] 25X9A2  
25X9A2 Division [redacted], totaling [redacted]. Approval was granted for the establishment of a unit  
of the CIA Civilian Specialist Reserve to each of the requesting offices. The  
25X9A2 [redacted] spaces have been allocated among the four units as follows:

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25X9A2 25X9A2 Communications - [redacted] Training - [redacted] Security - [redacted] and [redacted] 25X9A2 25X9A2

The above allocations are valid until 31 July 1958. If they are not firmly  
obligated by that date (obligation as used here means firm acceptance from the  
individual of proffered membership in the CIA Civilian Specialist Reserve) those  
unobligated may have to be recalled and made available to components who have  
demonstrated a need for additional slots.

3. The four participating offices have submitted name requests for individuals  
to occupy their spaces and the recruitment of these individuals will begin in the  
very near future. The individuals named are for the most part former employees.

4. The Civil Service Commission is making a study for the Office of  
Defense Mobilization of the need for a Government-wide reserve program composed  
of personnel below the level of the National Defense Executive Reserve. The  
representative of the CSC advised us that other civilian Government organizations  
require additional legal authority before they can proceed with a reserve program.

5. Appointment instruments are attached.