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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Provision of Fallout Shelter in the New Building

1. In response to your request of 22 December 1960, I am setting forth below information on the background and present status of plans concerning the providing of shelter against fallout in our building under construction at Langley, Virginia.

2. For more than a year, [redacted] Chief, Building Planning Staff, and [redacted], CIA-Emergency Planning Officer, have been working in collaboration with Messrs. Norward A. Meador and L. Neal FitzSimons, representatives of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, who are qualified specialists in fall-out proof construction, in studying the possibility of modifying the existing structure or taking other steps to afford protection. As part of this undertaking, [redacted] and Messrs. Meador and FitzSimons made a physical survey of the construction project on 25 March 1960. Shortly afterward, [redacted] staff attended a workshop seminar on fallout shelter construction held at George Washington University under the sponsorship of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

3. After an analysis of all the factors involved, it was determined by the Building Planning Staff that any measures which would require revision of the plans or alteration of the structure are not feasible. However, their study also revealed that certain areas of the building (in addition to the basement corridor and garage which were modified in 1958 by adding thickened over-head slabs to afford basic protection to about [redacted] people) have potentiality as fall-out resistant areas. Upon completion of the building, these areas will be identified and indicated for this purpose.

4. Meanwhile, [redacted] and his staff continue to keep themselves abreast of developments in this field through the medium of guidance published by OCDM on the subject and by consultation with Messrs. Meador and FitzSimons.

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Deputy Director
(Support)

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