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Date 19 June 1964

TO : Deputy Director for Plans
Deputy Director for Support
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs
General Counsel

SUBJECT : Centralization of Information on Published References to Agency
Activities and Personnel

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1. A by-product of our efforts to cope with problems growing out of the book The Invisible Government was the realization that we lacked an adequate centralized record of published material in which Agency personnel, activities and operations have been identified and/or compromised. Not only are there obvious gaps in coverage, but the material that is available is fragmented throughout several components to meet their own specialized needs.

2. The Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs will assume responsibility for establishing and maintaining a centralized record of all instances where Agency personnel or activities are identified as such in publications (foreign and domestic). Public Affairs will continue to disseminate copies of pertinent material from these files to the components having specialized requirements for such material. In continuing to maintain files to meet their specialized needs, interested components will avoid any needless duplication of the centralized files, as these records will be available to them as a reference facility. Addressees are requested to provide assistance and continuing support as follows:

a. DDI Action: Provide temporary staff assistance to Public Affairs in establishing detailed requirements and procedures for input from the various components now dealing with information of this type

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(e. g. [redacted] DDI/OCR; DDI/OO; DDI/OCL; DDS/O3; and OGC).
Once requirements have been detailed per the foregoing, provide for such increased input from DDI components as required and present manpower levels will permit.

b. DDF Action: Review (and amend as necessary) present instructions to field stations and bases to insure that Public Affairs obtains the required input from foreign publications not presently covered by FDD. Minimum DDF requirements in this regard would be for field stations to perform a carefully selected culling of the press and periodicals in their areas and forward pertinent articles to Headquarters (as defined in paragraph one). These should be accompanied by a very brief one-paragraph English summary calling attention to the key items.

c. DDS Action: Insure that input from publications covered by the Office of Security for their own purposes is phased into the central system.

d. OGC Action: Insure that input from their review of the Congressional Record is included in the centralized system.

Signed

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Executive Director

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