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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Plans
Deputy Director for Support
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Official Entertainment in the Executive Dining Room

REFERENCES : (a) Memo dtd 29 June 1963 to ExDir from DDCL, Subject: Delegation of Authority
(b) Memo dtd 10 April 1967 to Deputy Directors and Heads of Independent Offices, Subject: Official Entertainment in the Executive Dining Room

1. A few months ago the suggestion was made that authority to submit vouchers for official entertainment be delegated to the Office Head level. The Executive Director reviewed official entertainment for the past three years and found that, while it appears we have not abused these privileges, we do indeed have unique authorities which require diligent care.

2. The basic policy on this matter [] is that expenses incurred in the entertainment of officers or employees of the U.S. Government require approval by the Director or a single senior official designated such authority. Per reference (a) this authority was delegated to the Executive Director. Reference (b) stipulates that official entertainment in the Executive Dining Room must be hosted personally by a Deputy Director or Head of an Independent Office, or by his deputy when directed. However, on many occasions we have allowed such expenses to be charged to the Imprest Fund even though these senior officers did not act as host. I do not consider this to be an undue abuse of these privileges.

3. The Imprest Fund may be charged the full cost of a function, including the meals served Agency personnel, when the purpose is to entertain a foreign official or a non-U.S. Government personality.

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When the participants are all U. S. Government personnel and the purpose of the entertainment is official, the cost associated with the non-Agency guests may be charged to the Imprest Fund, but Agency personnel will be billed for their costs. Exceptions to these policies may be requested by citing the details and justification on the voucher (attached) or by separate memorandum.

4. I have no objections to your delegating to a single senior officer your authority to submit such vouchers. If you elect to delegate this authority to a senior officer, please provide his name and title to the Chief, Logistics Services Division, Office of Logistics, through this office. Since the burden is a limited one, I would expect Heads of Independent Offices to continue personally to retain this authority.

5. To facilitate billing procedures, Deputy Directors and Heads of Independent Offices are requested to submit their vouchers promptly after each event rather than combining several events on one monthly voucher, as now practiced. The voucher should be similar in form and detail to that attached.



W. E. Colby
Executive Director-Comptroller

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Attachment

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