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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT : CIA "Penetration" of the White House  
and Other Agencies

1. Problem

To respond to allegations that the detailing of CIA personnel to other elements of the Federal Government is an attempt to "penetrate" these organizations for improper purposes.

2. Position of the Congressional Select Committees

To date, interest in this matter has been entirely within the House Select Committee and developed primarily from the concept of the HSC Staff Director that CIA willingness to detail personnel to other organizations had to have some kind of an improper purpose. A considerable number of interviews have been conducted with detailees by HSC staff personnel, and it is understood that the open hearing which the HSC has scheduled for 6 November on "personnel" will be devoted at least in part to CIA detailees to the White House offices.

The Senate Select Committee has thus far evidenced no intent to involve itself with the question of detailees.

3. Discussion

a. The issues raised to date have been whether the CIA details personnel to other organizations "to penetrate and collect information about them," and whether such detailing of personnel is to enable the organizations to which they are loaned to avoid imposed manpower ceilings.

b. The fact that CIA personnel are not detailed to any other organization without the knowledge of appropriate officials within that organization--and that a considerable

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number of these detailees are on a reimbursable to CIA basis--is a partial counter to the charge of "penetration." Additional counters are the statements of the detailees to HSC interviewers that they were not called upon to "report back" information to their parent CIA office.

c. Whether the receiving organization seeks and accepts CIA detailees in order to avoid manpower ceilings is not a matter on which the CIA is competent to judge. As is indicated in the CIA Office of Personnel briefing paper on detailees (at Tab A), there are a wide variety of reasons for such detailing. In some instances the fact that the CIA person already possesses requisite security clearances is the basis for the detail. In other cases, the CIA recognizes that the background and training which the detailee will acquire will prove of value after the detailee returns to the Agency--as in the case of detailees to the National Security Council Staff, the National War College faculty, etc.

d. Of the 104 CIA personnel presently on detail to other organizations, 90 are professional intelligence officers and 14 are clerical.

e. The professional detailees from CIA are almost without exception in assignments for which their intelligence experience and background gives them a specific qualification. Most of the CIA professionals on detailed service are engaged in national intelligence programs for which another element of the Intelligence Community has operational responsibility.

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f. The matter of detailees is far from a one-way street, and there currently are considerably more detailees from other organizations to the CIA and the DCI's Intelligence Community Staff in CIA Headquarters than there are CIA detailees working in other organizations. The comparison is as follows:

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	<u>No. of Detailees to CIA</u>	<u>No. of Detailees from CIA</u>
National Security Council	-	24
PFIAB	-	2
Dept. of State	3	8
Dept. of Defense	176	62
OSD	-	1
JCS Joint Staff	-	5
Dept. of Army	45	1
Dept. of Navy	15	34
Dept. of Air Force	56	13
DIA	5	3
NSA	55	3
ARPA	-	1
Nat. War College	-	1
USIB/GMAIC (at Pentagon)	-	4
Dept. of Treasury	-	4
TOTAL:	179	104

4. Recommendation

a. It is recommended that the DCI task the DDA to prepare a justification for the present system under which CIA details personnel to other agencies, and other organizations detail personnel to the CIA.

b. This justification, classified as appropriate, should be submitted for the record to the House Select Committee at the opening of the 6 November hearing on personnel. The justification should be intended to "turn off" any critical comments which the HSC might otherwise include in its report or reports upon conclusion of the overall investigation.

c. In the event the HSC is unwilling to allow tabling of the CIA statement at the 6 November hearing, the DCI should have at hand an unclassified statement for public release. Preparing such a statement should be assigned to the A/DCI and DDA.

Samuel V. Wilson  
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