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5 May 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION, DD/P

FROM : CHIEF, WHD

SUBJECT : Appointment of Approving Officers

REFERENCE : Memorandum from Addressee dated 27 April 1953,
subject as above.

1. List of Approving Officers for WHD forwarded by Reference has been reviewed and corrected and is returned herewith, complete with sample signatures of individuals listed.

25X1A9A 2. I have retained on this list the names of Mr. [redacted] 25X1A9A
[redacted] and of Mr. [redacted] Budget and 25X1
Fiscal Officer. In support of these inclusions, the following 25X1A9A
justifications are offered:

25X1A9A a. Mr. [redacted] in his capacity [redacted]
is necessarily the most knowledgeable officer of WHD
insofar as FI operations are concerned. In this respect,
25X1A9A his status is comparable to that of Mr. [redacted] who,
although he is Acting Deputy CWH, actually exercises
financial approving authority within his staff area of
PP cognizance. It is my belief that such a delegation
of authority not only is appropriate to the division-
level extension of the Senior Staff concept which
constitutes an important factor of the organization of
the DD/P complex, but is equally justifiable from the
standpoint of eliminating unnecessary explanations which
would be required if an officer other than the Staff
Chief concerned were to certify various operational
expenditures concerning which he lacks detailed first- 25X1
hand knowledge. The criteria set forth in paragraph
3 of Reference, as well as the need-to-know principle,
can best be served in my estimation by confirming as
Approving Officers, WHD's Chiefs [redacted]

25X1A9A b. Mr. [redacted] is the WHD specialist on details of
budgetary, fiscal and financial matters. Although
he does not, and is not expected to, exercise the
same latitude as my three senior staff chiefs, there
are countless burdensome details from which he can free
them and me in order that our efforts may be directed to
broader problems. In following through on many matters,

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great value attached to the fact that he may take action with Finance Division, your Staff and other offices concerned without the delays which would ensue were he lacking authority to act.

3. It is therefore requested that you approve and forward to Finance Division the attached list of Approving Officers.



Chief, WHD

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