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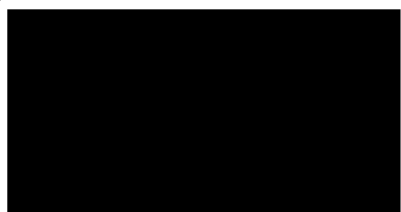
MEMORANDUM FOR: 

SUBJECT : Comment on Program for Drafting a History of the Clandestine Services

REFERENCE : History of the Clandestine Services, Preliminary Appraisal of the Problem (Part Two)

1. There is a valid and much-needed requirement for preparing a comprehensive Clandestine Services history as noted in paragraph one of the above-mentioned reference.
2. I concur fully with the recommendations contained in paragraph six of reference that a small Clandestine Services historical board be formed and that it select a small number of well-qualified draftsmen to write portions of the history.
  - a. This board should sit oftener than four times a year as suggested in reference. Perhaps such a board should be involved fairly continuously with the drafting of terms of reference for the historical input and when required perform in an additional advisory capacity on material submitted for the history.
  - b. It is needless to say that any contributions to such a history must contain as much documentation as possible and be a sophisticated piece of writing.
3. The advantages of this proposal contained in paragraph seven of reference are well taken.
4. The responsibilities of the officer of the Historical Staff as noted in paragraph eight of the reference are well conceived. I would add one more paragraph as follows:
  - g. "Acting as the Chairman of the Clandestine Services historical board with authority to call the board when needed and assign to it those broad functions required to assist in the preparation of a truly professional Clandestine Services history."

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