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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CIA Historical Staff

SUBJECT : CS Historical Program, Progress Report

Status of the Program:

1. At the conclusion of the catching-up period on 31 December 1971 the Clandestine Service had published almost sixty percent of its scheduled histories. If credit is given for histories completed in draft and under review or other kinds of final processing, then slightly more than two-thirds of the historical projects scheduled for completion during the catching-up period have been published or are close to publication. Of the remaining scheduled projects, drafts of about one-third are more than half completed, one-third are in various stages of research and writing but are less than half drafted, and no work has been done on a final third.

2. Numerically the CS has published 170 of the 298 histories scheduled in the program; drafts have been completed of 32 additional histories which are in review, revision, or final typing for publication. Of 44 histories which have been partially drafted, 34 are more than half and 10 less than half completed. Research, but no writing, has been done for 18 histories while 34 have not yet been started.

3. Notable progress has been made by the SB Division. With 19 histories in their program, eight have been published, ten have been submitted for publication and one is undergoing partial revision. AF, WH, FE and SO Divisions continue intensive work in an effort to complete their very large programs during the current fiscal year. NE Division and TSD continue to show minimal progress. Of the five histories in the overall DDP program, one is undergoing final editing, one is about half complete, two are less than half complete, and one has not yet been started.

Problems and Prospects:

4. a. Writers: At the end of the period 34 full-time and 15 part-time writers were active in the program. Because of reduced personnel ceilings, limited budgets, hiring restrictions, and conflicting priorities, the number of writers available for the program will evidently decrease further during the remainder of the fiscal year with some components completely suspending activity.

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b. Carry-over: As noted above, we are faced with a sizable carry-over from the catching-up phase of the historical program. If one eliminates histories which will probably be completed and published during the next few months, there will remain about 100 histories still to be written. The task of completing them in the months ahead is clearly out of proportion with the diminishing number of available and capable writers.

c. Typists: Slow progress in final typing continues to delay the publication of CS histories. With our present typing strength it will be several months before the completed and edited drafts now on hand can be put into final form and published. Final typing in the CS components has not been feasible (a) because of the need for frequent consultation with our editors and (b) because most components are themselves short of typists with many writers forced to type their own drafts. We continue our efforts to obtain the services of at least one and, if possible, two additional typists until the backlog of typing has been eliminated.

Recommendations:

5. The Clandestine Service Historical Board has not recommended any reduction in the number of scheduled histories. The Board has, however urged that a lower priority be given to organizational and station histories. Increased attention should be given to operational monographs detailing the whole range of CS and CIA involvement in certain critical areas and episodes and titles in this category should be inserted into the program. Other recommendations are:

a. Certain histories should be designated "first priority". The number in this category should not exceed ten at any one time. Subject matter to be covered should include OSO and DDP history, division, staff, and major station histories, and selected monographs. An active search should be made among available staff employees and annuitants to locate individuals with writing ability and, where possible, first hand knowledge to work on these histories.

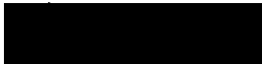
b. Where divisions are inclined to continue writing up their field stations, drawing on their own T/O for writers, they should be encouraged to do so, even though the stations involved may be of minor importance from the point of view of the overall program.

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c. Restrictions concerning the re-hiring of annuitants as independent contractors should be relaxed, to the extent Agency and Government policies permit, in order that a number of them may be engaged as historical writers. Up to about ten clearly qualified writers should be so engaged.

d. Future scheduling, deadlines and target dates should take into account the availability of writers and the dimensions and complexity of the histories to which they are assigned.

e. The program should be flexible and subject to continuing revision by and with the concurrence of the CS Historical Board.



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Attachments:

- A. Histories Published during Report Period.
- B. Status of CS Histories and Writers by Major Components.
- C. Status of CS Histories.
- D. Total Histories Published or Currently Scheduled.
- E. Remaining Histories to be Published and Ones with no Writers.

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CIA HISTORICAL PROGRAM  
 Status of CS Histories  
 31 December 1971

HS Project Number	History		Author		Date Draft due to HS
	Title	Status	Name	Status	
		Office of the DDP	25X179a		
2.228	History of OPC	Draft completed and in review		Retired	RECEIVED
2.229	History of OSO (through 1947)*	Draft completed and in review		Contract expired	Dec 71
	History of DDP:				
2.230	Dulles/Wisner Period Jan 1951-Jan 1959	Less than Half Completed		Full time (Contract)**	Dec 71
2.231	Bissell Period Jan 1959-Feb 1962	Not Yet Begun			Dec 71
2.232	Helms Period	Less than Half Completed		Full time	Dec 71

\* History through 1952 will be rescheduled.  
 \*\* Contract expires 11 July 1972.

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HS Project Number	History		Author		Date Draft due to HS
	Title	Status	Name	Status	
			<u>Missions and Programs Staff</u>		
2.216	Coordination and Planning Commission (SHAPE)	Draft completed and in revision	25X1A9a	Part time	Dec 71
2.220	CS Special Group Functions	Draft completed and in revision		Part time	Dec 71
2.304	CS Budgetary Functions	Draft completed and in revision		Part time	Dec 71

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CIA HISTORICAL PROGRAM  
Status of CS Histories  
31 December 1971

HS Project Number	History		Author		Date Draft due to HS
	Title	Status	Name	Status	
2.255	CI Staff and Its Predecessor Organizations, 1945-1965	Draft more than half completed	25X1A9a [REDACTED]	Full time	Dec 71

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HS Project Number	History		Author		Date Draft due to HS
	Title	Status	Name	Status	
<u>Foreign Intelligence Staff</u>					
2.108	FI Staff Coordination under NSCID No. 5	Draft More than Half Completed	NO WRITER 25X1A9a		Dec 71
2.149	History of FI Staff	Draft More than Half Completed			Dec 71
2.289		Draft More than Half Completed		Inactive	Dec 71
2.290	FI Scientific Intelligence	Draft More than Half Completed		Retired Inactive	Dec 71
2.291	FI Intelligence Group	Draft More than Half Completed		Full time Full time	Dec 71

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HS Project Number	Title	History	Status	Author		Date Draft due to HS
				Name	Status	
		<u>Foreign Intelligence Staff, Division D</u>				
2.040	History of FI/D		Less than Half Completed	NO WRITER	25X1A9a	Dec 71
2.124	██████████ 25X1X4		Research Under Way but No Writing	██████████	Part time (Contract)*	Dec 71
2.132	Vietnam		Not Yet Begun	NO WRITER		Dec 71
2.297	CIA Influence on Relationships between Third Parties		Not Yet Begun	NO WRITER		Dec 71

\* Contract expires 11 April 1972

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HS Project Number	History		Author		Date Draft due to HS
	Title	Status	Name	Status	
2.319	Operational Services and its Predecessor Organizations	<u>Operational Services</u> Research under way but no writing	25X1A9a [REDACTED]	Full time	Dec 71

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HS Project Number	History		Author		Date Draft due to HS
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2.320	History of RID Training Office	Draft completed and in Review	25X1A9a [REDACTED]	Contract expired	RECEIVED

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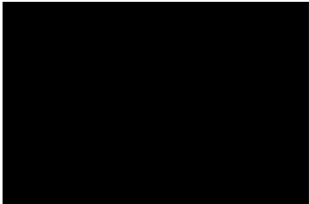
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HS Project Number	History		Author		Date Draft due to HS
	Title	Status	Name	Status	
		<u>Domestic Operations Division</u>			
2.256	Chronology of Division, Formation, Organization, Development and Significant Events	Not Yet Begun	NO WRITER		Dec 71
2.257		Not Yet Begun	NO WRITER		Dec 71

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## The CIA Historical Program

1 July - 31 December 1971

	DDP
Total Histories Published or Currently Scheduled	298
Total Published to 31 Dec 1971	170
Published before FY 1972	165
Published during FY 1972	5
Currently Scheduled	128
Draft Completed and in Review, Revision, or Being Typed for Publication	32 *
Partially Drafted	44
More than Half Completed	34 **
Less than Half Completed	10 ***
Research Under Way but No Writing	18 ****
Not Yet Begun	34

\* 4 of which are inactive

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<u>Component</u>	<u>Remaining Histories to be Published</u>	<u>Histories with no Assigned Writers</u>
O/DDP	5	1
MPS	3	0
CI	1	0
CA	9	6
FI	5	1
FI/D	4	3
OPSER	1	0
CCS	3	0
CDC	0	0
ISD	1	0
AF	11	0
EUR	9	4
FE	11	1
NE	15	6
SB	11	0
WH	15	6
DO	2	2
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TSD	5	3
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TOTAL	128	42

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