

5 June 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: CS Historical Board

SUBJECT : Minutes of the CS Historical Board Meeting, 31 May 1972, 1330 to 1500 hours, Room 2E-49 Hqs.

PARTICIPANTS:

Mr. 25X1A9a
Hugh I. Cunningham, Chairman
Mr. [REDACTED] Member
Mr. [REDACTED] y, Member
Mr. [REDACTED] Secretary

ABSENT: 25X1A9a

Mr. [REDACTED] Member

1. The Executive Director-Comptroller's latest memorandum, dated 26 May 1972, on "Records, History and Archives" was distributed and was examined by the Board. It was observed that, as compared with earlier versions, it reflected a degree of accommodation to the DDP's views, as well as Mr. Colby's concern with the US Government declassification program as it affects the Agency.

2. In reference to his listing of unpublished histories in the current CS historical program, Mr. 25X1A9a [REDACTED] noted that 28 draft histories were in final review, editing, or final typing; work was in progress on 36 histories; and 61 were inactive. It was agreed that divisions and staffs should be urged to bring to

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completion those papers on which substantial work has been done. The remainder should be dropped from the program, and certainly those which have not been started. Completed drafts which, with editing, can be put in reasonably acceptable form will be published. Other papers which suffer from bad organization or presentation may be designated "draft histories" and retained by the components for such value as they may have as reference papers.

3. Mr. Cunningham noted that in formulating the continuing CS program a large number of valid subjects could be identified, far exceeding the available writers. The initial step should be to identify a number of clearly qualified and available writers, either staff employees or annuitants. These individuals can then be matched to historical projects meeting the criteria of the CSHB and of the Executive Director. Mr. Cunningham felt that we would encounter little difficulty in getting Mr. Colby's approval to hire qualified annuitants to write on significant subjects. Mr. Dibble will circulate biographic profiles of several annuitant "reservists" for review by members of the board in order to select those who should be considered and approached for writing contracts.

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4. Note was taken of the Director's and Mr. Colby's approval in principle of the engagement of Mrs. [REDACTED] to write the [REDACTED] history. Papers to formalize this approval were passed to Mr. [REDACTED] for European Division concurrence and further processing.

5. Mr. Cunningham asked Mr. [REDACTED] to obtain copies of RID histories for his review.

6. Mr. [REDACTED] noted that the distinction between the overall Agency and the CS historical programs had not yet been clearly delineated. Mr. Colby has, however, designated the "Bay of Pigs" as an Agency history, to be prepared by [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] paper, according to Mr. Colby, clearly belongs in the CS program although it is to be written so that at least portions of it will be suitable for use beyond the desk or division.

7. The problem of CS programs and operations discussed in non-CS histories was reviewed briefly. Mr. Cunningham will consult Mr. Coffey (DDS) on this matter.

8. Mr. [REDACTED] reported that Mr. [REDACTED] who is in charge of the CS and CIA historical records collections

held by the Historical Staff in Rosslyn, may be retiring as early as the end of June and certainly by 31 October. This may raise the question of his replacement by a member of the CS in order to maintain CS control over the CS portion of these records. This was tacitly agreed to by C/CIA/HS some time ago but does not now seem to be clearly understood."

9. Mr. [REDACTED] described delays in getting papers typed in final form. He reported that an additional typist and two MT/ST units scheduled for early July should enable the typing staff to get through the current backlog by the end of the year. He added that [REDACTED] would be coming to Washington in early June for a final review of his OPC paper. (Note: Mr. [REDACTED] now plans to come for the week of 19 June).

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Executive Secretary
CS Historical Board