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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : National Civil Service League
Special Achievement Award

Bill:

On receipt by the Agency of the announcement from the National Civil Service League that it had added the Special Achievement Award to its program Colonel White raised the question of our reacting to the new Special Achievement Award.

Harry Fisher put out a routine inquiry giving information about this award but no nominations were received from any Directorate or Independent Office. The League intends, as we understand it from direct contact with them, to make only a total of ten awards with the mix between the Career Service and Special Achievement Award not predetermined. We agree with Harry Fisher and his staff that it would be better to concentrate all of the Agency attention on a single recommendation for one or the other award. Since the Agency plans to nominate again for the Career Service we believe no nomination for the Special Achievement Award should be considered this year.

I have asked Harry Fisher to determine the kinds of achievements made by nominees from other agencies so that we will have some guidelines to follow next year. In attempting this year to learn what level or kind of special achievement the National Civil Service League had in mind we were advised that something on the order of Neil Armstrong's

exploration of the moon (for which he received a Career Service Award in the absence of the newer award) would be considered a special achievement. We will take another look at the new award next year when we have a better understanding of what is desired by the Civil Service League. However, even in future years we probably should avoid nominations for both awards lest we find our nominees inadvertently competing for selection.

(signed) John W. Coffey
John W. Coffey
Deputy Director
for Support

cc: D/P

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : National Civil Service League Special Achievement Award

REFERENCE : Your memo for Acting Executive Director-Comptroller, Same Subject, dated 2 November 1971

Jack:

I have seen the referent memorandum concerning the new Special Achievement Award offered by the National Civil Service League. In the second paragraph you indicated that no nominations were received for this award. Unfortunately, you had no reason to know that we did receive a nomination from the Deputy Director for Science and Technology that Mr. [REDACTED] be nominated for the Special Achievement Award.

We had not brought the DDS & T's nomination to your attention because we were expecting momentarily to receive the write-up on the nominee for the regular National Civil Service League Award. Our instructions from you on that nominee were to develop the nomination paper in as confidential a way as we possibly could. Eventually, you were to discuss the nomination paper with the Director who would then decide whether the nomination would be formalized and submitted. Ben got in touch with [REDACTED], who in turn asked Jim Angleton to write the paper. In all of this, emphasis was given to the need to protect the identity of the nominee.

On receipt of the nomination paper, our plan was to recommend that if the Director determined that that candidate would be submitted for the normal National Civil Service League award, no action be taken to submit [REDACTED] nomination for the other award. Our belief is that if we go with one nominee for the big award, we should not jeopardize his chances by submitting any other nominees. On the other hand, if it is determined by the Director that papers would not be submitted on the other nominee, we recommend that [REDACTED] nomination be written up and submitted.

We have not yet received the write-up on the nominee for the regular award but we expect this on Friday, 5 November. We will deliver the paper to you immediately upon receipt.

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