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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Special Operations

SUBJECT: Communications

REFERENCE: Memo from Chief, Communications Division, OSO, to ADSO on above subject, dated 1 March 1949, enclosing:

- 25X1A
- (1) Memo re Radio Network
 - (2) Table showing status of communications personnel as of 1 March 1949
 - (3) Memo re communications support for future OSO Program
 - (4) Memo re allocation of supply positions

1. On 1 March 1949 the reference was left with me at a conference with the Acting Assistant Director for Special Operations and his Communications and Deputy Communications Officers.

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2. The problems of personnel procurement and training space have been fairly well solved. Space is being prepared at the and procurement of personnel expedited through setting of attainable standards, establishment of varied training programs, and authorization for provisional clearance for an adequate number of trainees to meet eventual overseas requirements.

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3. The overseas program proposed in reference (3) is approved for implementation to the extent possible within your capabilities and projected plans. This does not constitute approval for the recommended increase in departmental personnel.

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4. Closing of the network is not desired. It should be at least maintained on a stand-by basis, and appropriately manned when trained personnel can be made available.

5. a. Reference (2) indicates the following current status of communications personnel:

(1) Departmental:

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*Total does not include additional positions recently authorized for training staffs.

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b. [] additional positions are listed in reference [] 25X1A
as being required for overseas projects. This is not consistent with
the fact that [] currently authorized vacancies are blocked
for procurement purposes. It is assumed that these [] positions 25X1A
will immediately be released for procurement purposes concurrently
with or prior to submission of personnel requisitions for the
additional [] overseas positions for expansion purposes.

c. (1) It is noted that approximately 33 percent of your
currently authorized departmental communications personnel
positions are vacant, and that candidates are not yet in
process for 20 percent of such positions.

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(3) It is not considered sound to authorize an additional
[] positions until the excessive number of existing vacancies
is at least nearly filled and we can determine more definitely
the load we can carry with currently authorized personnel
actually on duty. However, the Management Officer has been
instructed to reexamine your departmental requirements for
communications personnel and make recommendations to the Exec-
utive based on his findings. No further action will be taken
on departmental increases pending receipt of these recommenda-
tions.

6. Reference has been discussed in detail by the Deputy Executive
and your communications officials, during which general agreement was
reached on the above basis.

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Director of Central Intelligence

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