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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/M&S

THROUGH: A/DD/M&S

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1. Approved Program

25X1 During July, [redacted] began writing chapters
25X1 of the [redacted] history. He plans to interview [redacted] on Martha's Vineyard during August. We have agreed that he'll complete a first draft by the end of the year and then move on to another topic. 25X

25X1 During July, [redacted] emerged with a comprehensive chronology on Vietnam which I believe we could produce as a service to many people both inside and outside the Agency. We know of nothing comparable to it in existence.

25X1 [redacted] continues to be most painstaking and conscientious in his research.

25X1 [redacted] completed her basic research on James R. Schlesinger as DCI. I reviewed it during July. It provides a usable skeleton, but no meat. I'll talk to Duckett about this.

25X1 [redacted] who had been detailed to me by OCI, retired in June. He left without a word and without having written a thing on Nationalist China. He claims that EA division never responded to a request for cooperation. He's wrong about that. I've put a memorandum for the record in his file and retired the file.

25X1 I have not heard from [redacted] during July.

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Sherm Kent is on leave for the summer.

Dave Phillips assigned [] to write the history of the 1954 Guatemala operation. Within days after Lou and I talked, he suffered a heart attack. The prognosis is guarded.

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As you know, there are two proposals on their way to the DCI which, singly or together, will have a major impact on the history program. A decision to make histories more accessible internally and externally will impose a challenging work load on the staff, particularly its chief. He plans personally to push internal dissemination and has always assigned himself the task of seeing to the re-writing, sanitizing, coordinating, and releasing the U-2 history.

Component histories continue to wander in, and they are edited, typed, and covered by the staff.

During July, there was nothing to report on space, on integrating with archives. No responses were received on an intelligence museum collection.

2. Ad Hockery

During July, Ray Cline and his research assistant were notified that their security clearances had been approved. We can expect them to start rummaging around any day now.

3. Personnel

July was something of a medical month. [] lost the tip of a finger in a slammed car door. [] tennised his knee into a cast. [] had a heart attack.

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The Director of Training and I conferred and agreed that neither of us was getting his money's worth out of Pat [] We recognized the overriding medical factor. Rod will talk to John Tietjen. We will then decide what to do about []

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On 31 July, Pforzheimer signed his contract. I made the three-months review stipulation very clear to him.

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On 30 July, [] agreed that DD/M&S will pick her up on the understanding that she should count on retiring no later than 30 June 1975. She seems quite amenable on this. I'll put it in writing for her to sign.

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