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SUBJECT: Summer Intern Comments

1. The most meaningful and deserved comment pertaining to my summer's internship with CIA regards its most valuable asset - its employees. Constant academic skepticism of governmental activities made me wary of what to expect. I was completely reassured by the liberal, apolitical, professional attitudes maintained within the Agency. Even this bit of praise cannot fully express my reassurance in Governmental actions. My branch associates and whoever else I had occasion to deal with were consistently friendly and more than willing to go out of their way to offer timely advise and encouragement. Never was anyone too busy to lend a helping hand.

2. When first informed that my responsibilities would be identical to those of the staff employees, I failed to understand its importance. Only now after actively engaging in routine branch activities can I fully appreciate its meaning. This trust, though closely scrutinized at every turn, has made a lasting impression upon me because significant aspects of the intelligence community were entrusted me. I only hope this trust has been justified through the results of my labor.

3. My training likewise deserves much praise. The on-the-job training allowed me to advance at an adequate pace with never too much to assimilate at a given time. Training in the use of all-source reference materials proved invaluable. I was quite impressed by the breadth and depth of available materials, both unclassified and classified.

4. I can make only one complaint in relation to my duties: they pertained almost solely to one project - the IMP. The time spent on all other projects was insignificant (less than ten percent of my time). I do not mean to imply boredom or a feeling of minimal accomplishment in regard to my duties, but more varied duties would have provided a fuller background into the branch's other operations.

5. The schedule of briefings organized to help orient the summer interns should be considered a success. The omissions of OBGI and OER while including the remaining offices of DDI were a disappointment, not from the standpoint of my association with OBGI, but from the feeling that two integral parts of an awesome puzzle were unaccounted for. Short general background briefings into DDI, DDS and T, and especially DDP would no doubt have proven informative had time been available.

6. Briefly may I make a suggestion. With the perennial apprehension that greets employees in the D.C. area, information regarding types, costs, and availability of housing, the weather, and their jobs would prove beneficial. A short informational letter in this regard should suffice.

7. In conclusion, this summer has been a valuable experience. Insights into the intelligence community and the Bureaucracy have given me a fuller appreciation of behind-the-scenes activities. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you for making it possible.



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