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19 October 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
 VIA : D/NFAC
 FROM : Coordinator of Academic Relations and External Analytic Support
 SUBJECT : Adverse Reactions in Academia

1. Action Requested: None; this is in response to your written comment on the memoranda from [redacted] attached.

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2. Both reactions indicated are distressing. I understand that [redacted] withdrawal from the contract proposal from [redacted] is not unconnected with the fact that he is hoping to succeed as president of the center when the current president retires and is therefore extra-sensitive to the CIA "taint" just now. I have asked [redacted] to prepare a letter to him for your signature.

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3. In the case of [redacted] you are of course correct that his participation on the Behavioral Science panel is not prohibited by the Harvard Guidelines. Here the issue is one of sensitivity to the subject because of the superficial resemblance to some of the MK-Ultra disclosures. [redacted] and ask him if a letter from you would be of help to him in continuing his service.

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5 October 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution

FROM : Coordinator for Academic Relations and
External Analytical Support

SUBJECT : Academic Relations

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In the interests of keeping you informed of developments relating to the Harvard Guidelines, I am forwarding a copy of a memo to me from [redacted] He describes two current instances in which prominent academics are re-evaluating their relationships with CIA.

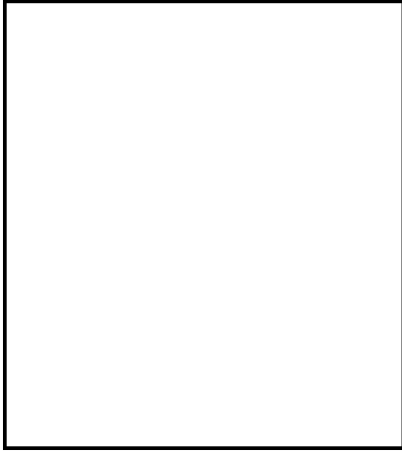
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October 3, 1977

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted] CPS

SUBJECT: Clouds on the CIA-Academic Relations Horizon

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1. Friday, September 30th was a bleak day for the Center for the Analysis of Personality and Political Behavior in relation to its academic consultants. We received a telephone call from [redacted]

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[redacted] University. We had developed during the past six months an excellent external research contract on an unclassified level, consistent with the mainstream of [redacted] work, which promised to be of great value not only to the Agency, but to the Intelligence Community in general. The project was concerned with the effect of decision groups on political decisionmaking, a careful study of the different types of decision groups and their influence upon the decisionmaking process. With the wave of publicity surrounding MK-ULTRA and the involvement of an [redacted] behavioral researcher, a great deal of concern had been expressed at [redacted] vis-a-vis relations of any kind with the CIA. [redacted] was calling me to inform me that shortly we would be receiving a letter requesting withdrawal of the contract proposal submitted by the [redacted]. If, as we are currently exploring, another wing of the government, e.g. DOD, would be supporting the research, [redacted] would not have problems in accepting the funds.

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2. That same day I received a letter from one of our Behavioral Science panelists, [redacted] of [redacted]

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[redacted] Unable to attend the current meeting because of other commitments, he indicated in his letter that he may not be able to attend future meetings, expressing the concern for keeping the Panel at a low profile level. In response to the spate of recent publicity, [redacted] is now considering following the Harvard precedent, in developing a Harvard-like code of behavior for [redacted] relations with the CIA. This would be a serious loss to our Panel as Professor [redacted] is one of the acknowledged leaders in this special area of focus.

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3. I recall from earlier discussions with you that the Agency had participated in discussions with the Harvard leadership in the forming of their code of ethics, and wanted to insure that you were aware of this development

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4. Please let me know if there is any further information I can supply on these matters of concern to us all.

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