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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Meeting with Professors Stephanie G. Neuman and William A. Glaser of the Bureau of Applied Social Research, Columbia University

REFERENCE: Memo to Chief, IFS of 23 May 1976, subject: Fletcher's 6-8 May Conference on Arms Transfers to LDCs

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1. Background: [REDACTED] met Professor Neuman at the Fletcher Conference. Shortly thereafter, she sent him two project proposals for comment. The first, co-authored by Professor Glaser, focused on the effects of military transfers and training programs on the domestic politics and foreign policies of less developed countries. The second dwelt on dependency and interdependency between large and small powers with a "case study" focus on the role of arms transfers in [REDACTED]. The reporting officer found the analytical thrust of both proposals stimulating. In fact, the first is sufficiently detailed (61 pages) that it could be of real assistance in framing the parameters and line of march of his own study. Hence, with [REDACTED]'s help, he arranged to meet with Professor Neuman during the course of her planned 27-29 May visit to Washington. When, at the last minute, it developed that Professor Glaser had accompanied Professor Neuman on this trip, he was included in the meeting. The reporting officer picked up Professors Neuman and Glaser at their hotel in Washington on 29 May, took them to lunch at the Aberdeen Barn in company with another of their Agency contacts (Mrs. [REDACTED] of OCI), and then talked with them for about an hour in his office before loading them and their luggage into an airport-bound cab.

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2. A word of caution is due at the outset. Professor Neuman was in town to plumb -- and if possible to exploit -- the governmental contacts she had made at the Fletcher Conference. Since she is obligated to teach some courses in the months ahead, she will not be in a position to undertake either of her proposed projects for another year (Professor Glaser is tied up for a like period). But in the interim she is seeking funding (about \$5,000.00) for a pilot "conceptual paper" and, most of all, some sort of official blessing (e.g., a CIA consultantship) that would give her at least limited access to a wide variety of governmental agencies and files. Much of the reporting officer's time was spent in explaining the nature and limits of OPR's outreach efforts and in directing her attention to appropriate offices and officials elsewhere in the government.

3. The reporting officer reiterated his interest in the analytical thrust of the work that Professors Neuman and Glaser proposed to do on arms transfers and expressed his desire to

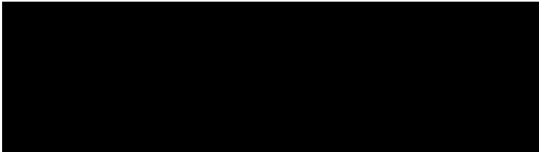
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touch base with them again once his own project was underway. In the course of explaining OPR and IFS goals and activities, he showed them a copy of the informal IFS Memorandum and gave them retention copies of the informal draft working paper on terrorism that had been prepared for the Department of State.

4. While undoubtedly disappointed that no prospect of a more formal relationship was held forth, Dr. Neuman indicated that she would welcome the opportunity to discuss the arms transfer issue with the reporting officer at any time. She was, however, somewhat loathe to leave entirely empty-handed. Hence, her parting question was whether or not it could be arranged for her to spend a day reviewing the Agency Library's unclassified holdings on arms transfers and arms control. The reporting officer said he would look into it and let her know.

5. Professor Glaser had little to say about the arms transfer project proposal. A "transnational generalist" and professional researcher, he has travelled to over 80 countries and has written on a wide variety of subjects. His current project deals with the possible relevance of foreign health insurance programs to US needs. He was particularly interested in the informal IFS Memorandum, noting that his Bureau and other Columbia University elements have been doing complementary studies, and asked if we would send copies to him and Professor Neuman -- on their promise that they would not be shown about. (Again, the reporting officer promised to inquire whether retention copies could be made available.) Professor Glaser also offered to make copies or reprints of relevant Columbia papers available to OPR.

6. With due regard for the strong element of self-interest that was evidenced by Professor Neuman and, to a lesser degree, by Professor Glaser, the reporting officer recommends that infrequent and low key contact be maintained with both until a better assessment of their potential value to OPR can be made. In this regard, he would, if policy permits, send them copies of the IFS Informal Memorandum. At this stage, he would not recommend seeking any departure from standard procedures with respect to Professor Neuman's request for one-time access to the Agency Library's unclassified holdings. In fact, even if we eventually wish to appear to be especially forthcoming, he sees no reason that a simple xerox compendium of reference cards shouldn't suffice.



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