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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Center for Policy Support

SUBJECT : CIA Operations Center Tour for
CPS Guests.

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1. The Operations Center is withdrawing from any further briefings of academic groups, professional societies or student organizations brought to the Building by the Academic Liaison officer. We have twice agreed to receive and brief such groups and both times have been chagrined when the hour set for the appointed briefing slipped, slipped again and then again a third time. Intentionally or not, we are being used as a filler--something to catch the notice and occupy Mr. [redacted] visitors through the lull between the time he gets them past the reception area and their first formal briefing. Such was the case with the diplomatic historians a month ago and it clearly was the case Friday with the Syracuse University group.

2. As you know, we were occupied much of today with CBS News. When we first learned that we would be [redacted] but STATINTL we were persuaded by a last minute appeal from him to give a briefing at 1330. The group showed up almost fifteen minutes late and we were looked to to give a meaningful briefing and walk-through before their 1400 meeting with [redacted] A STATINTL minute before that briefing was scheduled [redacted] employed STATINTL hand signals so that the undersigned did not run over.

3. I didn't need them either. STATINTL

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Deputy Director
CIA Operations Center

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3 June 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director, Center for Policy Support

FROM : Coordinator for Academic Relations
and External Analytical Support

SUBJECT : Ops Center Tours

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1. This is to clarify for the record some of the points raised by [REDACTED] in his memo to you on May 27. Since I became DDI Academic Coordinator, I have arranged for visits to the Ops Center by three academic groups. On April 15 about 45 West Point cadets were briefed there during an approximately fifteen minute tour. On April 28 a group of diplomatic historians and State Department historians participating in State's "Historian-Diplomat Program" were briefed, and on May 27 students and a faculty member from Syracuse University visited the Ops Center. In each case arrangements were made in advance with either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

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2. The Ops Center briefings were not used as "fillers." I requested the tour for the West Point cadets at Admiral Turner's direction and for the State Department group at the request of State's Office of the Historian. These visits were quite successful and well received by the participants. For that reason, and mindful of the DCI's keen interest in improving our academic relationships, I suggested that the Syracuse group also benefit from an Ops Center tour.

3. Regrettably perhaps, military-style punctuality is not always possible when large groups of visitors are making the rounds in the building. Since punctuality is not a common eccentricity in the academic milieu in particular, I have learned to be patient and flexible when faced with five or ten minute slippages in the programs I arrange. Despite strained schedules in other parts of the tours I have organized, the West Point and State visits to the Ops Center went off right on time. The Syracuse students were about ten minutes late arriving at the building because of transportation problems, but there was nothing any of us here could have done to influence that.

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4. The arrangements I made with the Ops Center for the Syracuse visit were not a "last minute" thing. Details were worked out with [REDACTED] several weeks before for a half hour briefing beginning at 1:30 in the Ops Center conference room. Later, when it appeared that a CBS film crew would be in the Ops Center at the same time, [REDACTED] called me his regrets that he could not accomodate the simultaneous visits. He agreed to my suggestion, however, that an Ops Center staffer meet with the students in the DDI conference room before [REDACTED] presentation so that we could honor our commitment to Syracuse.

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5. I regret any inconvenience that [REDACTED] or other Ops Center personnel may have experienced because of the tardiness of the Syracuse group. I sincerely hope that this isolated experience among the three visits I have arranged will not be viewed as typical. The DCI, DDI, and other senior officials are committed to policies intended to improve CIA's academic relationships, and the highly professional, interesting tours of the Ops Center contribute valuably to that process.

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cc: Chief, CIA Operations Center

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General/Correspondence

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SCHOOLS OR GROUPS REQUESTING HEADQUARTERS BRIEFINGS 1974-75

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Georgetown Graduate Students

Princeton WHIG-CLIO Group

Syracuse/Maxwell School

West Point Cadets

Chinese Club

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Russian "

French "

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