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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence  
 THROUGH : Deputy Director/Intelligence  
 SUBJECT : Science Attache Program

1. By letter dated 21 January 1954, the DCI drew to the attention of the Secretary of State the Department's responsibilities under NSCID-10, and indicated CIA's desire that the Science Attache program be maintained by the Department at a minimum level of five Attaches with necessary clerical support for FY 1955.

2. On 23 February, the Undersecretary of State replied, stating that the Department could support only three Attache positions during the coming fiscal year. He also stated the Department's belief that NSCID-10 provided sufficient authority for the Agency to reimburse the Department for the other two positions.

3. The DD/A ascertained from the Bureau of the Budget, however, that in the Bureau's opinion such reimbursement or support would not be proper.

4. In light of this situation, my staff has discussed the problem and its various aspects with appropriate officers of the Department. As a result of these conversations, and particularly because of the Undersecretary's commitment to Dr. Bronk regarding the size of the Science Attache program, the Department has decided to raise the priority of this activity and to effect the necessary reprogramming to enable it to support all five positions from its own appropriations during the coming fiscal year. A copy of the internal State Department memorandum to this effect is attached.

5. Since the Department has taken this action, in the manner indicated above, it is not believed necessary or appropriate to reply to the Undersecretary's letter of 23 February 1954.

6. We will continue to study and explore with the Department of State additional means for further augmenting the overt collection of scientific intelligence information.

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