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Dear Requester:

This letter is a final response to your 25 May 2019 mandatory declassification review request referenced above and submitted under Executive Order 13526 (hereafter, "the Order") for the following document: **"CIA History Program" Document Number (FOIA) / ESDN (CREST): CIA-RDP84-00780R005900020013-4.**

We completed a thorough search for records responsive to your request and located the enclosed document which we can release in segregable form with deletions as marked on the basis of Sections 3.3(h)(2) and /or 6.2(d) of the Order.

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Information and Privacy Coordinator
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If you have any questions regarding this response, you may seek assistance by calling this office at 703-613-1287.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony J. Capitos".

Anthony J. Capitos
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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30 April 1974

TO:

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SUBJECT: CIA History Program

1. In anticipation of our discussion, which will be at your convenience, I trust the following may be helpful:

a. With the departure of the DD/M&S needs to appoint a history officer. It is not much of a job. What I need is someone to act as a referent on the directorate's involvement in the Agency history program. This would include: orderly termination of the DD/M&S component history program; monitoring responses to my memo on a possible intelligence museum collection; coordinating participation in the directorate's contribution to the histories of major Agency activities; cooperating with the history staff in the identification and retention of historical documents; looking ahead to future histories as new activities emerge. (Based on editorial proclivities, he is well-qualified.)

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b. Here is a status report on the remaining portion of the DD/M&S component histories:

i. Office of Medical Services, Clinical Program (Project 5.037) is in our hands, thank you. and I agreed that I'll deal with his comments, not Tietjen.

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ii. OMS, Psychiatric Staff (Project 5.038) is being revised by OMS and was expected to be submitted to the history staff by 1 February 1974. We haven't seen it yet.

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iii. Office of Personnel, Honor and Merit Awards (Project 5.061) has gone to OP for signature.

iv. OP, Missing in Action, is in final processing by the history staff and will soon be submitted to OP for signature.

v. Office of Finance, An Overview (Project 5.075) was supposed to be returned to the history staff in a revised version by 30 June 1973. (Since we have not received it, I suspect work has been suspended. Personally, I doubt it should be resumed; but, it would be tidy to clear the record.)

vi. Air America, 1946-1972 (Project 3.088) is being written by [redacted] under Charlie Kane's direct supervision. (Let's leave it that way, if you agree.)

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c. In my last management conference, we discussed the feasibility of an overview of the support activities as a history of a major activity. The general idea would be to review the existing histories and to synthesize them into a new history which would give proper recognition to the various components, such as communications, logistics, finance, personnel, and medical services. It may be best to focus on geographical areas as Brownman suggested. We also need to match names against topics.

d. I'm willing to discuss space, but only if you so choose.

[redacted]

WALTER ELDER
Chief, CIA History Staff

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Proposed Agenda

Management Conference - CIA History Staff

1:30 p.m., 10 April 1974

Status reports on approved objectives.

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Objective #1

Terminate [redacted]
as of 30 June 1974 and the rest of the component history
program by 1 April 1974.

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Status: [redacted] is down to two people. One will retire as
of 30 June 1974; the other will be re-assigned by DDO.

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There are still 20 histories underway by DDO
components. Ten of these are in the hands of the history
staff. They will be reviewed; probably none will be
accepted as an adequate history.

There are six DDO histories awaiting the signature
of the component chief.

There is one history being typed by the history
staff.

There are six histories in various stages of
production. When they are submitted to the history staff,
they will be reviewed, accepted, or rejected. One is a
special case which will be processed without editing.

The DDO history officer understands that all
present and future work on component histories is on the
initiative of the DDO. After 30 June 1974, the history
staff will accept component submissions only to sit in
judgment on them. They will be "published" only if they
make a substantive contribution to the history program's
list of approved topics.

There are still six histories in various stages of
production in the DD/M&S.

One is awaiting the signature of the component
chief.

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Objective #1 (continued)

Two are in final processing by the history staff.

Three have not been submitted yet, including the history of Air America. (Charlie Kane has reported on this separately.)

There are nine histories still pending in the DD/I.

One is in final processing by the history staff.

Of the remaining eight, seven are expected to be submitted to the history staff by 30 June 1974. The other will be a monograph for internal use which will be submitted to the history staff to accept or reject.

The DD/S&T program is complete.

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Objective #2

Assign writers and researchers to each of approved 16 topics by 15 April 1974 and prepare outlines by 30 June 1974.

(Note: Richard Helms as DCI has been deleted.)

Status:

- 1) Iran -- [] is doing research and has prepared a working outline. NE division has given him space, and John Waller is giving [] personal and enthusiastic support. [] COS Teheran at the time of the operation, has been consulted and will be interviewed. Kim Roosevelt is next in line. 6.2(d) 6.2(d) 6.2(d)
- 2) Guatemala -- [] has been asked to nominate a candidate. *New nominated* 6.2(d)
- 3) Congo -- needs an overview. Larry Devlin will be asked to nominate a candidate. *Has*
- 4) China -- Phil Jones is working on the Agency's relations with the Chinese Nationalists. A proposal to hire Jim Graham is pending. *over-arch*
- 5) Vietnam -- [] has returned from TDY and is hard at work. 6.2(d)
- 6) Laos -- Ted Shackley has been asked to nominate a candidate. *Has*
- 7) U-2 *direct* -- needs insights which will be acquired from Kelly Johnson, Dick Bissell, and Larry Houston through the oral history program. *77 Rather keep the two separate!*

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Objective #2 (continued)

8) Analysis of Communist Intentions and Capabilities -- Sherman Kent is finishing a contribution on this subject. The acquisition of Jim Graham's services will be a giant step forward.

9) Cuba -- Jack Pfeiffer is working on the Bay of Pigs.

10) Support -- needs an overview. Harold Brownman will be asked to nominate a candidate after he finishes juggling parking spaces.

11) Covert Cold War -- Chuck Briggs will be asked to nominate a candidate.

12) Technical Intelligence -- needs an overview. Carl Duckett will be asked to nominate a candidate.

13) Before CIA -- This sleeping dog can be left that way

14) Intelligence Community -- after John Bross' history is completed, we plan to submit it to ICS as a means of whetting their appetite for an orderly history program.

15) Reconnaissance Satellites -- needs an overview. Carl Duckett will be asked to nominate a candidate.

16) Richard Helms as DCI -- deleted.

17) James R. Schlesinger as DCI -- has been assigned to do basic research until she retires on 30 June 1974.

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Objective #3

Complete list of active and retired officials to be interviewed in oral history program and begin interviewing by 1 April 1974.

Status: A list is ready. One official is being interviewed. Letters are ready to go to the others. This project will involve some travel.

*More details!
Walt to do the interviews!*

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Objective #4

To integrate history staff holdings with Agency archives system by 30 June 1974.

Status: No progress whatsoever, nor can there be any until we have space.



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Objective #5

Fix terms of reference for intelligence museum collection by 15 April 1974.

Status: Responses from directorates still pending. Only DD/I and DD/M&S have replied to date.

Handled. Went out
OK in DD M&S

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Objective #6

Complete work on photographic portrait collection of senior officials and honors winner with terms of reference for a continuing program by 1 April 1974.

Status: We have acquired three safes of prints and negatives from Thuermer's office. We are sorting them to see what we have. In the meantime, we have a list of officials ready, and they will be scheduled for sittings soon.

*Office Director
& Deputy Director*

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26 March 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CIA History Staff

SUBJECT : Identification of Items Suitable for
an Intelligence Museum

REFERENCE : Your memorandum of 24 January 1974,
same subject

The following is a report of the results of my inquiries to the DDM&S Offices as to the identification of items suitable for an intelligence museum, or existing collections.

1. OJCS, Office of Personnel and the Office of Finance reported they had nothing of interest.

2. Memoranda from OMS and the Office of Logistics are attached, listing items of possible interest.

3. The Office of Communications requested more time to report its holdings. That Office's response will be forwarded to you when received.

4. The Office of Security reported that the Technical Division of OS () has various transmitter finds and examples of search and polygraph equipment at various stages of development, should there be interest in items such as these. Also, there is a collection of security gimmicks (50 to 60 set-ups) at the Inter-Agency Training Center in (). Should interest dictate, this could be photographed. () is the contact for more specifics on this.

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5. OTR has some items of possible interest. At the Domestic Training Station there is an existing museum which presumably could be integrated with an Agency Intelligence Museum if considered more appropriate. I have not seen it, but expect to during April 1974. Additionally, at DTS there are weapons and maritime equipment and Agency-unique equipment used in the sabotage field. I did NOT request photographs, but should it be warranted, we could ask for photos. OTR also has some old photographs thought to be of possible historical interest. OTR would have had to recall boxes from Records Center

and sort through them for specific identification. I did not ask them to do so. OTR's contact point is the Records Management Officer, on x2483.

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DDM&S History Officer

Attachments

19 March 1974 memorandum from OMS
20 March 1974 memorandum from OL

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20 MAR 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/M&S History Officer

SUBJECT : Identification of Items Suitable for an
Intelligence Museum

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 8 Mar 74 to EO/OL fr DD/M&S History
Officer, same subject

Confirming the telephone response provided to you on
19 March 1974, attached is a general description of several
items considered to be of potential interest for an intelligence
museum. The Office of Logistics point of contact for further
follow up on this matter is , Plans and Pro-
grams Staff, 1236 Ames Building, extension 3357.

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Executive Officer, OL

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General Description and Office of Logistics Location -
Items of Potential Interest for An Intelligence Museum

1. Two inscribed trowels used by President Eisenhower and DCI Dulles at cornerstone laying ceremony at Langley, Virginia, 3 November 1959.

Location: Director of Logistics Office.

2. One framed photograph of cornerstone ceremony - received from Col. White.

Location: Director of Logistics Office.

3. One model of CIA Headquarters Building in transparent protective case.

Location: Logistics Services Division.

4. Series of photographs taken during various stages of construction - CIA Headquarters Building.

Location: Logistics Services Division.

5. Series of photographs - construction of Printing Services Building at Headquarters.

Location: Printing Services Division.

6. Two brass enameled plaques which identified [REDACTED]

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Location: Plans and Programs Staff.

7. Photographs of stone jar presented to DCI Helms by Gen. Vang Pao. Jar subsequently donated to Smithsonian by Helms.

Location: Plans and Programs Staff.

8. Operational and paramilitary support items as follows:

- a. Special design parachutes and other aerial cargo delivery devices.
- b. Special weapons.
- c. Document destroyer.
- d. Examples of safe filing equipment, from early bar lock to present types.

Location: Supply Division.

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