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MEMORANDUM

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FROM : Chief, Soviet Union Division/CIA

SUBJECT : Domestic Operations Base (DOB)

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1. Objectives:

a. A Domestic Operations Base (DOB), located in the Washington area is now being established for the purpose of assisting, and coordinating USSR Area Branches' needs in interrogation, assessment, briefing and preparation for dispatch of agents into the USSR.

b. When completely set up, DOB will provide this Division's needs in safe houses, specialized instructions, and the administration of Area Branches' Case Officers assigned to DOB.

2. Requirements: In order to enable DOB to perform its functions properly it is essential that, effective at once, all USSR Area Branches comply with the following:

a. Immediately upon the approval of a project involving preparation of agents, inform DOB in writing of the following:

(1) Description of the type and number of agents, housing requirement and date when housing is needed.

(2) Type<sup>of</sup> preparation planned; is W/T training contemplated.

b. Assign a minimum of 3 case officers or 2 case officers and 2 native instructors to each training unit (one to eight agent trainees, prepared for one single mission). These case officers must be relieved of all branch responsibilities for the entire period of their assignment to DOB.

c. Advise [ ] (ext. 3752), or in his absence [ ] or [ ] (ext. 3808) of all new matters to be taken up with the office of communication, training (TRC), Technical Services Staff (TSS), procurement, Special Security Division (SSD), Administrative Services and Special Aide Division (SAD).

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Effective at once all contacts with the above will be cleared through DCB.

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