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MEMORANDUM FOR: C/DO/H
ATTENTION: [] []
SUBJECT: Project AEDEPOT

1. With reference to questions raised during our meeting on 9 April 1964 concerning possible cold war utility of project AEDEPOT, the position of SOD at this time is as indicated below.

2. As regards determining what new AEDEPOT cold war contingency requirements there may be, if any, within the Area Divisions, for reasons brought out in the earlier meeting on this subject SOD prefers that there not be any approach to any of the Area Divisions on this subject at this time.

3. As regards SOD requirements, our primary interests at this time are as follows:

a. SOD would appreciate having an inventory or listing of AEDEPOT agents currently held in CONUS (including ARLEAP agents), who possibly could be used to meet such contingencies as may arise on short notice and which may be unrelated to the purpose for which the agents were originally recruited. To be meaningful

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this should include a statement of the agents' area knowledge or nativity, and of their special skills or training in such things as language, tradecraft, commo, weapons, demolitions, etc. It should also indicate whether the individual agents presently are provided with suitable documentation and operational cover to permit them to enter and function within any given target area.

b. SOD recently has had requirements primarily for agent personnel who are non-Caucasian, and particularly for non-Caucasians who have medical skills. We are especially interested in knowing whether AEDEPOT has any assets that could meet these requirements.

c. SOD would be interested in knowing whether the AEDEPOT mechanism possibly could produce any recruits, such as mentioned above, who might be used on a full time contract basis; and also whether AEDEPOT could provide an overseas holding mechanism (and cover) for such recruits.

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