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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)
ATTENTION : Chief, Projects and Programs Group
SUBJECT : Request for authorization for select
Agency personnel to perform parachute
jumps
REFERENCE : CSN No. 20-41

1. This memorandum requests DDP/PG concurrence and approval of training proposed in paragraph 6.

2. Parachute jump training is an integral part of the AEDEPOT training program. Such training is essential to the mission for which agents are recruited. All students are required to participate in ground and tower training; live jumps from planes are encouraged but are voluntary rather than mandatory.

3. The SR/DOB Staff includes two qualified parachutists (military detail ~~are~~) who assist in the training of students and make demonstration jumps; however, it is considered desirable that additional select personnel be permitted to qualify as parachutists and perform jumps. These personnel fall in two classes:

A. Training personnel. The Base Chief of Training and the senior air operations instructor are former parachutists. It would certainly encourage students to complete their course with live jumps if their instructors jumped with them (practising what they preach, so to speak).

B. Project personnel. These personnel are assigned as case officers for agent personnel by ethnic groups and as such maintain close contact with their group before, during, and after training. Here again, a willingness on the part of the case officer to jump would greatly influence the student/agent's decision to volunteer and do much toward improving agent-case officer rapport and the agent's morale.

4. Prerequisites to Agency personnel jumping are enumerated below and their fulfillment would be strictly adhered to:

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- A. Completion of Agency approved ground training. ✓
 - B. A current medical examination qualifying them ✓
for PM training.
 - C. Evidence of at least \$15,000 (plus double indemnity)
of Agency sponsored life insurance.
 - D. Eligibility to F.E.C.A. ✓
 - E. Certification that their jumping is entirely voluntary.
 - F. Agreement from the Central Cover ~~Staff~~ ^{GROUP Staff} and the
Office of Personnel that casualties could be handled without
jeopardy to Agency operations or cover.
5. Personnel who qualify and participate in jumping would
not receive "jump pay" or any other additional compensation.
6. It is therefore requested that approval be granted for
certain qualified SR/DOB personnel to engage in parachute
jumping in connection with their duties and as authorized by
the Chief, Domestic Operations Base.

HOWARD J. OSBORN
Chief, SR Division

APPROVED:

Chief, DDP/PG

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1. Chief, SR/SS 4/8 *JKO*

2. ~~SR/COP~~

3. ~~DC/SR~~

4. Chief, SR Division

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6. C/SR/DOB *DR*

7. DC/DOB 4/9 *WR*

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13. *Paul*

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Attached is our suggested memo (in draft) to DDP/PPG for approval of Subject request.

Thanks,
[Signature]

1-6: Your proposal to permit staff employees to participate in parachute jumps has been carefully considered by the SR Division Personnel and Policy Board. It was the unanimous conclusion of the Board that SR staffers should not be permitted to jump. This decision was based primarily on the fact that fully trained and compensated military personnel are available for this purpose and that the risks involved would greatly outweigh the benefits that would accrue. I am sorry that it came out this way, however, Chief/SR told me to send you a note to this effect.

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Please file with AED/PPG Project file. I shall take this up again under DOD unless we get

more military jumpers.