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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 : GSN 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 detailers) 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 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.

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Chief, SR Division

APPROVED:

Chief, DDP/PG

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