

21 November 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: [Redacted]
Information Review Officer

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FROM : J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief, History Staff

SUBJECT : Search for Documents Requested by National
Defense University's Research Directorate
for Lt. Col. Alfred D. Wilhelm, Jr., U.S.
Army

1. Last Thursday, 17 November 1983, I left the original of the enclosed letter from Colonel John E. Endicott, U.S. Air Force, Director of the Research Directorate at the National Defense University, with [Redacted] at your office. This is to confirm the request I made to [Redacted] then that a DO search be made for the documents noted in Colonel Endicott's letter, so that Lieutenant Colonel Wilhelm may be given access to them for his classified research on negotiations between the U.S. and the Peoples' Republic of China, 1949-1978.

2. As we discussed in our telephone conversation about this request a month or so ago, we are treating this in the same manner as a request for access to CIA-originated documents from one of the military historical offices. The National Defense University has certified Colonel Wilhelm's TOP SECRET clearance to us, and agreed to the terms of our enclosed "CIA Records Access Policy."

3. When the documents in question have been found, we can arrange for Colonel Wilhelm to examine them here in the History Staff offices, or at your offices, whichever you prefer. In any event, any notes he takes and any copies of documents he requests will be submitted to you, so that you can decide whether they can be released to him. Colonel Wilhelm and the National Defense University understand that further CIA review will be required before any classified material you may release can be declassified, downgraded or published.

4. I should add that in early January 1984 Colonel Wilhelm will be going to the Peoples' Republic of China to interview senior officials who participated in the negotiations in question, and he would therefore be especially grateful if he could get access before then to these 1955-1967 cables.

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[Redacted Signature]
J. KENNETH McDONALD

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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Dr. J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief Historian
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Dear Dr. McDonald:

The Research Directorate of the National Defense University is sponsoring a comparative study of diplomatic negotiations between the People's Republic of China and the United States from 1949 to 1978. One of the case studies concerns the negotiations conducted in Geneva and Warsaw from 1955-1967.

In order to facilitate the study, I request that Lieutenant Colonel Alfred D. Wilhelm, Jr. be granted access to the cables from Geneva, Warsaw, and Washington concerning the Sino-American talks in Geneva from 1955-1957 and in Warsaw from 1958-1967. Lieutenant Colonel Wilhelm is a Senior Research Fellow of the University. Additional information requested for identification is as follows:

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Sincerely,

John E. Endicott
Colonel, U. S. Air Force
Director
Research Directorate