

31 January 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Director & Assistant Staff Director,
Joint Committee on Printing

1. On this date I met with Messrs. Denver Dickerson, Staff Director and Paul C. Beach, Assistant Staff Director, Joint Committee on Printing (JCP). Attending with me were Messrs. [redacted] Office of the Legislative Counsel and [redacted] Office of Central Reference, CIA. The purpose of the meeting was to reaffirm the position of the JCP in its relationship with the Agency.

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2. [redacted] opening remarks addressed the immediate problem of how to handle requests emanating from GPO Superintendent of Documents as well as from private institutions for the Agency to furnish copies of unclassified publications to the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). [redacted] mentioned that it would cost about \$2 million per year if we had to comply with these requests.

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3. The immediate response of the staff members was "you're (CIA) exempt from Title 44". (This remark conflicts with an opinion written by [redacted] Office of the General Counsel, dated 10 November 1976.) [redacted] thereupon requested the citation exempting the Agency from Title 44, U.S.C. Mr. Beach remarked that this is rather old business but recollected discussions which occurred a number of years ago (about 20 years) that left no doubt in his mind as to the intent to exclude CIA from JCP jurisdiction.

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4. Mr. Dickerson advised [redacted] to ignore any requests for the furnishing of any Agency publications to the FDLP. Mr. Dickerson assured [redacted] that he would "take care of" the immediate problem. However, [redacted] reiterated the need for the citation of exemption and, in the event such exemption could not be found, inquired as to the possibility of the JCP obtaining a written document stating that the Agency is indeed exempt from Title 44.

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5. The Staff members decided that they would have the hard files and, if necessary, the microform records searched in an effort to

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locate documentation. [redacted] is to furnish copies to P&PD of any records discovered in the search.

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6. Mr. Beach reinforced an impression that he wanted understood; i.e., that the JCP is willing to help P&PD at any time when requested. In his mind that is the extent of the relationship between the JCP and CIA.

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