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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Proposed Solution for Preparation of OSA History

1. A review of manpower and materials to prepare a history of OSA/DDS&T reveals that OSA has a unique situation in that by virtue of its organization many of its senior staff members were or are military and thus subject to rotation. The return of these senior officials from OSA to their parent service results in a proportionately fewer number of people remaining in OSA who have been with the organization long enough to contribute significantly to the OSA history. The following senior officers represent the principal sources who are familiar to some extent with the history:

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| a. | [Redacted] | Travel Branch | 11 years |
| b. | Mr. John Parangosky | Deputy Director | 10 years |
| c. | [Redacted] | Materiel | 10 years |
| d. | [Redacted] | Contracts Management | 10 years |
| e. | [Redacted] | Action Staff | 10 years |
| f. | [Redacted] | Comptroller's Office | 7 years |
| g. | [Redacted] | Executive Officer | 6 years |

2. We recently had the good fortune to acquire the services of [Redacted] from FE Division. [Redacted] joined the U-2 project in 1954 during its early development. She served in the grade of GS-11 as personal secretary to Colonel Jack Gibbs who was the Deputy Project Director. In this capacity, she was privy to all policy determinations and the day-to-day evolution of the program. She remained with the project until 1962. In addition to her personal and valuable knowledge and experience of early years of the Office, she is articulate and writes very well. She should be an excellent choice to head the Office history as well as the preparation of other documents in the future when the Office history is complete. Her arrival in OSA as a GS-7 (she had relinquished her previous position when her husband was given an overseas assignment and was rehired some years later at the lower grade) on

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12 September resulted in her being tentatively assigned the job of preparing an outline preparatory to the actual Office history.

3. We have agreed for the time being that [Redacted] will be the OSA historian and the Deputy Director, Executive Officer and [Redacted] will continually assist her in both the outline preparation and actual history. The outline is to be completed by 28 October and at that time a decision can be made as to what scope the project is to encompass. The basic outline will be of sufficient detail to permit a full history of OSA in detail. Should a shorter version be more desirable, certain portions of the suggested outline can be abbreviated and emphasis changed from one aspect to another, etc.

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4. In addition to the above, we have agreed that a suitable history of OSA can be prepared in from three to six months depending on the scope and detail selected by 1 November. In this context, it is essential that certain parameters be clearly defined for the guidance of [Redacted] and those who will assist in compiling the history. Among these items are:

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- a. The audience to whom the history is being addressed.
- b. The classification level (e. g. COMINT, TALENT, etc) We are assuming no restriction.
- c. Degree of documentation (Ibid's).
- d. Narrative style (e. g. strictly factual account or anecdotal presentation with some latitude for interpretation. We prefer the latter for greatest insight and understanding.)

5. OSA presently plans, unless otherwise notified, to have a good historical account of the Office by 1 April 1967 ready for review and approval by the DDS&T and final publication ready by 1 June 1967. Should this suspense date be unacceptable and an earlier date decided upon, then a proportionately less detailed history will result.

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