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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Proposed OCDM Draft Bill, "National Defense Civilian Reserve Act"

1. A previous draft of this Bill was received from OCDM on 14 January 1959. A copy of the comments furnished at that time is attached. (Attachment A) This latest draft would be more acceptable from an administrative standpoint. The previous provisions for 20% limitation on numbers "on duty" and for salary payments based on hardship and inequity are gone, although the latter concept survives in Page 2 of the transmittal letter.

a. Section 3 of the proposed Bill provides that persons designated as members of units are not to be considered employees or officials of the Federal Government except for coverage by the Federal Employee Compensation Act. Paragraph 7 "Terms of Agreement" (Attachment B) may say the same thing but since we are appointing Civilian Specialist Reserves as WAE employees, you may want to give this section some attention.

b. Section 6 on appropriate security requirements and safeguards is the same as in the previous draft and might cause security problems to this Agency if regulations were drafted without consideration of CIA special problems.

2. Since we are proceeding with the CIA Civilian Specialist Reserve program, the Agency really does not need this Bill. Certainly, there would be some added administrative burden in "living with it". However, there are off-setting advantages. For example, the Bill would give us an overt means of accomplishing an overt program and end the use of special appointment authority and unvouchered funds for the purpose. Support of the Bill would also put us in a position of co-operating with the other agencies who require the authority contained in the proposed Bill.

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3. MR. J. J. White of this Office is available to discuss the subject further should you so desire. I would like, if possible, to see the comments you prepare to the requesting agency before they are sent out.



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**Attachments**

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