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TO : Chief/PPS

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FROM : Chief/LAS

SUBJECT: Civilian Specialists Reserve

REF : Your oral request, 14 March 1958

1. The overall interests of this School in the Civilian Specialists Reserve to be called for duty in the event of M-Day could include several tens of persons. The character of these positions can be determined only after a more careful study than is possible in the short time permitted for this indication of interest. Such a study will soon be started and its results available in future. For the present, I restrict my statement of interest to four positions that might reasonably be considered as the LAS share of the possible allotment of ten positions to OTR.

2. In development of a Civilian Specialists Reserve for duty with LAS in event of M-Day, the following four types of positions would have a high priority, based upon presumption of the importance of the areas, recognition of the Agency's general paucity of specialists on the areas, and the School's deficiency in specialists on these languages and areas:

a. A specialist on the languages and areas of Black Africa South of the Sahara.

b. A specialist on the Turkic languages of the Soviet Republics of Central Asia.

c. A specialist on Persian and the related languages of Iran, Afghanistan, Northern India and Pakistan, and Central Asia (such as, perhaps, of the University of Michigan).

d. A specialist on the languages of Southeast Asia.

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