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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Inspector General's Questions Concerning Propaganda Analysis and OCI's Memo, "Propaganda Highlights".

1. The IG's question concerning responsibility for propaganda analysis is not addressed to OCI but it may be of interest to you to know how we look at the matter. [REDACTED] is responsible for making propaganda information available to the intelligence community. (It is named [REDACTED] In fulfillment of its responsibility it provides quantitative and qualitative analyses of the propaganda [REDACTED]. The analytical summaries, however, do not go beyond the realm of propaganda itself. To OCI, [REDACTED] is a source of one kind of information to be combined with other kinds of information to produce current intelligence. In the production of current intelligence one must judge the meaning of propaganda in terms of government intentions and actions. A case in point would be Chinese Communist propaganda concerning the liberation of Formosa. [REDACTED] informs OCI, for example, that the propaganda has never been greater in quantity or more belligerent in tone. OCI must judge on the basis of all other available information whether this information about propaganda behavior and patterns actually means that an attack is imminent. In so judging, OCI performs a kind of "propaganda analysis" but it is quite different from that performed by [REDACTED]

2. In response to the second question ("How does OCI fit in with [REDACTED]) the answer, as we see it, should be clear from the above. OCI depends on [REDACTED] for information.

3. With respect to the weekly OCI memo to the DD/I entitled "Soviet Communist Propaganda Highlights", the IG asks, "Doesn't this constitute reiteration or duplication?" In reply, information from [REDACTED] is, of course, used in the memo, but on a selective basis and frequently expanded to develop context in terms of the current situation. The memo is a routine method of putting relevant propaganda themes into current intelligence focus. We find it useful internally as a briefing aid and reminder. It is not a publication.

4. With respect to the form of "Propaganda Highlights" as a weekly memo to the DD/I, it is not unusual for OCI to prepare weekly memoranda for the DD/I on special problems. The memo in question was originally done as a weekly working paper, but in an effort to regularize the form of miscellaneous intelligence papers going to the DD/I, some on request and some self-initiated, the DD/I memo form was adopted for all such papers, as conforming to organizational standards. From the attached distribution list it will be seen that the only copies which go outside the Agency are those which go to Colonel Goodpaster (White House), Mr. Dillon Anderson (NSC), Mr. Craig (OCB), and the NIC. It is standard OCI practice to give this kind of limited external distribution to selected memoranda for the DD/I. In the case of this particular memo, Colonel Goodpaster informed Mr. Sheldon that the President found it useful and specifically requested that it be sent to Denver for the President's briefing during his absence from Washington.

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Remarks: I consider this a fair statement of the justification for OC's one gal operation in this field. I have always been skeptical but since my, [redacted] Ray Cline all feel very strongly that this operation is vital to their work and since [redacted] **SECRET** **CONFIDENTIAL** **UNCLASSIFIED** I have not thought it wise to order it abolished.

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