TO : Special Assistant to the Director for

DATE: 25 July 1958

Flanning and Development

FROM : Comptroller

SUBJECT: Temporary Obligation Authority for Fiscal Year 1959

- 1. The request for a waiver for your special project activity of the provision of Notice 35-310-6 which provides a limitation on the rate of obligations until such time as allotments have been made has been reviewed, together with the budget estimates included in the Operating Budget for the current fiscal year.
- 2. The purpose of a limitation included in the above Notice is to limit the total Agency operations to within the amount authorized by the continuing resolution which the Congress has passed. In view of the general pattern of obligations which we normally experience and the estimated rate of obligations which it is anticipated will be entered into by your office, your request for an exemption from this Notice is approved.

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3. It should be noted, however, that the total amount budgeted and authorized for Project AQUATONE is this is the maximum which can be utilized without additional DCI approval. In addition, it is understood that you contemplate entering into obligations for the continuation of Project CORONA. Since we do not have a DCI approval on this Project nor was it included in the Congressional Budget for Fiscal Year 1959, this waiver does not imply concurrence for the use of funds for any other purpose other than Project AQUATONE. If funds are used for these other projects, it is assumed that you will have special authority from the DCI for this purpose. It is requested that, as soon as practical, such authority be documented and the Director's approval of the operations be submitted to this Office to support the use of funds for these activities.

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