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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the IAC Standing Committee

Subject: Biographical Data on Foreign Scientific and Technological Personalities

1. With reference to our discussion the other day about biographical data on scientific personalities, CIA is willing and able to do the "abstracting" as well as the indexing and codifying of all material received on this subject.

2. It is understood that more than 90% of the "abstracting" done in the Navy Department now is from Army Department reports, so the Navy need not supply CIA with "extra copies of abstracts."

3. Since the word "abstracting" is used in the different departments with different meanings, it is thought that there was confusion in and above the working levels. Furthermore, the IAC Departments have different systems of supplying biographical data to CIA so in the enclosed redraft the expression has been used "in the manner most satisfactory to the owning agency." On the working level CIA will adapt its methods to the material received.

4. Furthermore, it is thought that this intelligence directive should be based on NSCID No. 3 "production" rather than NSCID No. 1 "activities." In the latter case under services of common concern, it would have to be a National Security Council Intelligence Directive rather than a Director of Central Intelligence Directive. Furthermore, it is in NSCID No. 3 that scientific intelligence is shown as an unallocated field. No.

5. The title has been changed to "scientific and technological personalities" because in biographical matters no distinction is made between those scientists engaged in pure science and applied science.

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