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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Staff Director of the Joint  
Economic Committee

REFERENCE: Memo from D/ORR to DD/I, dtd 16 June 1966, subject:  
"Issues Relating to the Contributions of ORR to a Report  
of the Joint Economic Committee of the Congress."

1. On this date, I met with Mr. James Knowles, Staff Director of the Joint Economic Committee, to discuss further the matter of the contributions of various Agency employees to the study to be published by the Joint Economic Committee on the Soviet economy.

2. The Agency had agreed to submit these papers in response to a request from the Committee last Fall. Our response to the Committee's request asked that the Committee follow the recent practice of not attributing these articles or the authors of the articles to CIA. Recently, however, the wisdom of the continuation of this procedure had come into question as a result of the publicity attached to the George Carver article in the FOREIGN AFFAIRS magazine and several congressional comments pertaining to it. In addition, the Committee had expressed some concern over the possibility that knowledge of the Agency's participation in this series might become an issue with several members of the Committee (particularly Senator Fulbright who has publicly stated that Carver's affiliation with CIA should have been mentioned in his magazine article) and with the press. The staff was concerned that a blow up of this issue could completely overshadow the professionalism of the entire study. The Deputy Staff Director, [redacted] had suggested that we might want to take a second look, particularly at [redacted] article which he had described as "colorful."

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3. I indicated to Mr. Knowles that this subject had been a matter of review and concern at the highest Agency levels and it had been concluded that, all things being taken into consideration, it would be better

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in the future if the Agency and its employees were treated the same as other agencies and their employees who have rendered assistance in these studies. It is the staff's plan to identify the authors of individual papers as they appear in the publication but not to make a specific link of each Government employee and his agency. The studies will contain a Foreword which will express the Committee's appreciation to the departments and agencies who have cooperated in the preparation of these studies, specifically identifying each Agency involved. Mr. Knowles was extremely pleased with our position and indicated that it would make matters much easier for them. In addition, it will obviously relieve his concern over the possibility that a member of the Committee, such as Senator Fulbright, might become upset if he should learn that the Committee's study includes articles written by employees of CIA whose affiliation with CIA has not been disclosed.

4. This then brought us to the next point, i. e., the matter of identifying specific authors as employees of the Agency. I told Mr. Knowles that in most instances, such as the case of [redacted] specific acknowledgement of their association with the Agency posed no problem and, in any event, each Agency author could be identified to any member of the Committee. It was suggested, however, that the Agency might like him to "drag his feet" in associating several of the contributors with the Agency to the press. (I had in mind, in particular, the case of [redacted] whose situation is described in the referent memorandum. I was subsequently advised by Mr. Morell, however, that identification of [redacted] would pose no individual problem and all authors could be identified as CIA employees.) Since there is sufficient time before actual publication, it was agreed that we would get together later to discuss these cases on an individual basis.

5. I then advised Mr. Knowles that we wished it to be clear in the study that these papers represented the individual views of the various authors and did not necessarily represent the opinion or position of the Agency to which he was associated or the U.S. Government. Mr. Knowles responded, as I had hoped, by recommending what I had been prepared to suggest, that is that the Foreword to the study contain a general statement along these lines. I told Mr. Knowles that I thought his suggestion was a very good one and one with which we would wholeheartedly agree. All of the above has been passed on to the Director of Research and Reports.

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6. Later in the day,  in the DD/I's office, informed me that at this morning's USIB meeting, General Carroll mentioned that DIA had been asked by the Joint Economic Committee to prepare a paper on Chinese Communist military expenditures for the Committee's upcoming series on the Chinese Communist economy. General Carroll added that DIA was not in the best position to submit a paper and asked for the views of the other Board members. It is my understanding that it was subsequently decided that the Agency might be in a position to respond to this request and CIA would so inform the Committee. I am also informed that Mr. Morell has been consulted on this and has agreed that ORR will prepare this report, in addition to the three others which the Agency had originally been requested to provide.

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7. In a subsequent conversation with Mr. Knowles, I advised him that he would be receiving a letter from DIA suggesting that the Agency be contacted concerning the military expenditures report. I told him if he wished to send us a written request it was perfectly agreeable with us but correspondence was not necessary since we were planning to go ahead with the additional article. Mr. Knowles was most appreciative of this and, in response to my request, said he would be happy to provide us with a galley proof of the Foreword to the Committee's study on the Soviet Union.



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