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SUBJECT: NPIC Request for Storage of Models

Vince:

Regarding your memo on the NPIC models, I think it only scratches the surface on the problems involved in this issue. We clearly have need for more information before taking this "issue" beyond the Support Services Staff (i.e. to DD/S or Executive Director) for decisions. For what it is worth my random thoughts on this are:

1. What is the total scope of the problem in other components in the Agency? TSD, Commo, Security, [redacted] etc.? All have satellite museums of this type of material. Have we had or do we anticipate requirements to put these collections in our Archives? Where are these collections now? What is the volume? How much space is now utilized, what is the growth of these collections?

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ACTION: Suggest you prepare a short draft memorandum for [redacted] or Mr. Bannerman's signature we can send to the other Directorates stating the problems and issues involved and request that they prepare inventories of their "museum" and "model" collections. Give examples of the type of things we are concerned with for example [redacted] collections of prototype models of Agency [redacted] gear, concealment devices, perhaps a secret writing equipment and systems. Also [redacted] collection of special paramilitary equipment developed by the Agency and so on.

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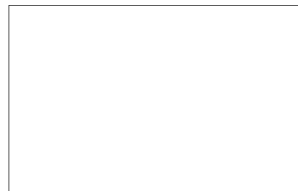
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2. I think we may be premature in saying we should accept the NPIC models. I think what we should say is that some provisions must be made to identify and preserve collections like this. However the Records Center is but one alternative as to where they should be physically or where they should be organizationally. You are right in saying that they will probably end up in our Records Center for lack of any other place to put them but other alternatives should be considered for example:

- A. Establishing a separate museum facility (possibly in [redacted] and what that would mean in manpower and space and how we would obtain both.

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- B. Organizationally regardless of where the equipment is stored this function could be one of several places (1) Historical Staff, (2) Office of Logistics, (3) our Archives and Records Center, (4) Office of Training, or (5) a separate new unit attached to the DD/S or to the DCI area. In this regard you might cite examples of how other agencies handle this problem organizationally.
- 3. Maybe the entire issue of model and prototype collections should be treated as a portion of whatever we decide to do on the Archives regulation. In any event we will need the background information requested above and you should be thinking along these lines.



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