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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

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SUBJECT : Adverse Comments Concerning CIA Personnel Overseas.

1. In confirmation of my oral report of 13 April 1954, when Mr. Dulles and I were discussing some matters concerning our Fiscal Year 1955 Budget with Mr. Taber and Mr. Wigglesworth on the same date, Mr. Taber stated that he had had reports from two different sources that some of CIA's personnel overseas were extremely heavy drinkers and were in other ways not a credit to the United States.

2. Mr. Dulles requested that if possible he be furnished with specific names and instances and that if these allegations could be proven the offenders in this regard would be separated from CIA without any hesitation. Mr. Taber stated that he did not have the names but that one of his sources was a Congressman whom he regarded as a very solid citizen. It readily developed that the Congressman involved was Representative Thomas and that Mr. Thomas had gained a great deal of his information through [redacted]

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3. Mr. Dulles told Mr. Taber that he was familiar with the trip made to Europe by Congressman Thomas and that [redacted] had accompanied the Congressman on a part of this trip. He also stated that he regarded Captain [redacted] as being a pretty good intelligence officer but that there were certain circumstances in connection with his employment with CIA which had caused him to leave under conditions which would not make him a friend of the Agency. Mr. Dulles also stated that while he did not wish to hurt [redacted] naval career in any way he had information that the Captain had been indiscreet in some ways while on this trip with Congressman Thomas. He emphasized that this remark did not apply to Congressman Thomas who, so far as he knew, had conducted himself properly in every way.

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4. Mr. Dulles told Mr. Taber that with his permission he would be very glad to discuss this matter with Congressman Thomas in the hope that the Congressman might supply specific names and instances upon which we could take definite action. Mr. Taber said that he would prefer that Mr. Dulles not do this but that he, Mr. Taber, would speak to Congressman Thomas. There was no discussion, however, as to what course of action would be followed after Mr. Taber spoke to Mr. Thomas.

5. Mr. Dulles requested that I pass this information on to you in order that you might insure that there is a proper follow-up.

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