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MEMORANDUM TO: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Proposed Regulation [redacted] Honor Awards

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REFERENCE: Memorandum to Director of Personnel from Deputy Director (Support) dated 12 March 1955, same subject.

1. There is attached the revised Regulation on Honor Awards. In accordance with your request, the Regulation has been prepared for the signature of the Deputy Director (Support), and the Regulation provides for the submission of recommendations for awards to the Director, after the approval is ready for his signature. The comments received from the Deputy Director (Plans) and the Director of Training have been incorporated in the draft. Certain other changes in nomenclature have been included in Regulation [redacted] and the composition of the Board has been altered to provide for the appointment of alternates. It is contemplated that nominations will be submitted so that continuity of the Board will be preserved. As soon as the attached Regulation is published, I will solicit from the Deputy Directors candidates for appointment to the Board, and will initiate an appropriate Key Assignment Notice for your signature.

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2. On 25 May 1954, the DDCI forwarded the following note to the Chairman of the Honor Awards Board.

"Discussed at Deputies Meeting of 21 May and all concurred in 'Present Recommendation' of the Awards Board." i.e. that the names of the four medals should be Distinguished Intelligence Cross, Distinguished Intelligence Medal, Intelligence Star, Intelligence Medal of Merit. "Mr. [redacted] point (in attached memo) was discussed but rejected. Therefore, proceed in accordance.

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/s/ CFC
DDCI"

It is thus certain that the DCI, the DDCI and the three Deputies were agreed on the establishment of these four awards and approved the names for them.

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3. The Career Council will consider two Staff Studies of the Honor Awards Board on Thursday, 31 March; one on ribbons to accompany the medallions and one concerning the question of awarding CIA medallions to non-CIA personnel. The three Deputies have already reviewed the four proposed designs, but they have not yet been presented to the DDCI or to the DCI for their approval. (Mr. [REDACTED] has handled this phase.)

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4. It is suggested that, following the Career Council meeting on Thursday, you could bring to the DDCI or the DCI for their approval the entire problem; i.e. the Regulation, the designs and the two policies regarding ribbons and non-CIA personnel. It would then be necessary to bring to the DCI's attention at a later date only the nominations for three members and three alternates after these have been solicited and staffed out.

5. I suggest that the Regulation be authenticated and published without further Agency coordination. I do not believe that the changes which have been effected necessitate further review by the Deputy Directors.

Harrison G. Reynolds
Director of Personnel

Attachment - as stated

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