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7 January 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

SUBJECT : Proposed R [redacted] "Agency Activities Approval System", and
Proposed R [redacted] "Project Review Committee

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1. As I indicated to you on Wednesday, the two major changes in the above Regulations which were requested in the initial coordination were as follows:

a. Extending to the Assistant Director for Communications the authority to approve projects up to \$25,000.

b. The eliminating of the details concerning the approval procedures for FI projects as requested by DD/P.

2. The Regulations have been retyped to eliminate the Assistant Director for Communications from those officers having the authority to approve projects up to \$25,000.

3. No change has been made in the recommendations of the DD/P which reads as follows:

"Special authority to approve designated types of projects may be given to individual officers by the Director, to be exercised within specific monetary and other limitations".

The above quotation is a substitute for approximately a page and a half of material, identified as Tab A, and lined in red in the margin. The effect of this would be that each time the Director gives specific authority to an individual, copies of this authorization would have to be forwarded to the Comptroller and made a matter of information to the officers charged with disbursing funds for the various areas. I feel it would be possible to operate effectively under the language proposed by the DD/P.

4. We have rewritten the letter of transmittal which had been prepared by [redacted] for your signature, eliminating the proposal regarding the Assistant Director for Communications.

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5. Inasmuch as there is some urgency about the final coordination, I suggest a handcarry coordination.

6. It also would probably be appropriate to talk with [redacted] on the phone and indicate to him personally that his request for authority to approve projects up to \$25,000 can not be included. If this were cleared, I feel there are no other items to which exception would be taken during the course of the coordination.

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"Vote slip" requirement of Director now covered in paragraph 6 of Regulation [redacted]

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