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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Plans and Development, NPIC
FROM : Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)
SUBJECT : Communications Testing Program

1. Operations in PAG, especially during periods immediately following mission read-out, are closely allied to PID requirements due to certain intelligence interests and the assignment of a large number of PID personnel to the PAG area. During peak, as well as normal periods, the transfer of information is restricted by a lack of adequate secure communications facilities. The number of available grey telephones is limited and the bulk of the required information cannot be transmitted effectively by verbal means. As a result, numerous pieces of written matter are hand-carried back and forth between PID and PAG. This system is time consuming and expensive in terms of the man/hours involved and appears highly antiquated in comparison to the sophisticated in-house exploitation equipment in daily use.

2. In order to achieve increased effectiveness through improved communication techniques, PID is interested in testing and evaluating various means of electronic facsimile transmission utilizing commercially available equipment. It is requested, therefore, that the Plans and Development Staff initiate the following actions:

a. Investigate and recommend a type of coaxial cable suitable for electronic facsimile transmission.

b. After coordinating with the Security Branch, initiate installation of the recommended cable between the Office of the Chief, CIA/PID and the IPO/PAG. (Installation of such a cable has been informally discussed with [redacted] of the Logistics Branch, who indicated to OSS/PID that this work could be accomplished with little difficulty.)

c. On a test basis, install Teletype units in the offices indicated above.

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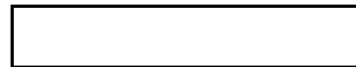
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d. Procure on a rental or ^lan basis Quik-Fax or similar facsimile transmission units for temporary installation, testing and evaluation.

3. The Operations Support Staff, PID is cognizant of PID requirements in this regard and may be contacted for assistance or additional details if required.

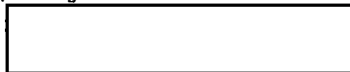


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