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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, NPIC

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SUBJECT : Agency Contracts with [redacted]  
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1. Attached for your retention are copies of an exchange of letters between Mr. E. H. Knoche, representing the Director, and [redacted]

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[redacted] In this correspondence Mr. Knoche agreed that the Agency would declassify the fact that it was the sponsor of the classified CIA/ORD contract with [redacted]

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[redacted] It is understood that while there are probably some Agency contracts with universities which need to be classified, a positive determination to classify should be made only after very careful consideration. Declassification of the existence of a contract does not mean that the status or objectives of the contract should be declassified. Note that the correspondence between Knoche and [redacted] provides for consultation in selecting an unclassified title.

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2. With respect to the proposed study [redacted] we have instructed [redacted] to declassify the fact of Agency sponsorship of the contract and to consult with the University to develop an unclassified title. [redacted] was asked to make this guidance known to the representative of the General Counsel attached to the Office of Logistics. [redacted] was also requested to arrange to notify [redacted] of each visit by NPIC personnel to [redacted]

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3. I suggest that if there is uncertainty about the procedure to be followed in a given case, this office be consulted for guidance.

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