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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: CIA Civilian Specialist Reserve

1. This memorandum contains recommendations submitted for DD/S approval. Such recommendations are contained in subparagraphs 5a and b.

2. On 26 January 1958 the Director of Central Intelligence approved the CIA Civilian Specialist Reserve program as a pilot activity, confined largely to the Office of Communications. The initial program was limited to fifty spaces, thirty-five of which were allocated to the Office of Communications, [redacted], five to Office of Training, and five to Office of Security.

3. Recruitment for the program has been difficult and uneven. Out of a total of approximately 200 persons who were nominated, only two have been entered on duty. A total of eighteen have been cleared for entrance on duty but because of budgetary cuts required for 1960, funds for their processing and training are not now available.

4. In view of the above, the Office of Personnel contacted the interested offices to determine whether they would favor discontinuing the Specialist Reserve Program. [redacted] and the Offices of Training and Security have no objection to its discontinuance. However, the Office of Communications desires to test the program for one or two years because of the acute need for additional Communications personnel which will exist at the beginning of an emergency. Therefore, it is contemplated that processing will continue on those persons who have already been contacted for Office of Communications and who are being processed for Medical and Security clearances. It is expected that the total number to be brought into the program will not exceed twenty.

5. The Office of Personnel will continue to process prospective Office of Communication candidates for the program up to and including entrance on duty. However, it is recommended that:

(a) The costs connected with entrance on duty and subsequent active duty training be budgeted for by the Office of Communications.

(b) The administration of reservists after entrance on duty be handled by the Office of Communications.

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