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Memorandum

To: Assistant Secretary Lewis

From: Director

Subject: George Washington Memorial Parkway, Construction of Virginia Portion between Spout Run and Bureau of Public Roads Research Center at Leiter Estate above Chain Bridge, Virginia

This is to advise you briefly of a meeting which was held today in response to a request for a conference from the Central Intelligence Agency. That Agency was represented by Messrs. James D. Garrison and [redacted] These gentlemen were following up the preliminary meeting which was held in Mr. Beasley's office on January 17 in which the C.I.A. was represented by Col. Lawrence K. White and [redacted]

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The C.I.A. is making preliminary investigations as to when the construction of the George Washington Memorial Parkway could be completed to the vicinity of the Leiter property which is shown on the attached small scale map of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. They have selected this site and have received clearance from the Defense Council for construction of the building thereon to house the entire Agency which is now scattered among some 30 odd buildings in this area.

As you will note from the attached map the site is about 3.5 miles above Chain Bridge, Virginia, and the present access is from Virginia secondary route No. 123. The Leiter Estate has been in Government hands for several years and a portion of the property is now occupied by the Bureau of Public Roads Research Laboratory. The portion to be traversed by the parkway has been reserved for that use and there is at present a narrow access road running in from Virginia No. 123 to the old Leiter House ruins, the house having burned several years ago. The site being considered by the C.I.A. for their office building is close to the existing narrow access road to the old Leiter house.

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The right-of-way situation is as follows. The land between Spout Run and Chain Bridge has been acquired or is in condemnation under funds appropriated to the Planning Commission and shared in by the State of Virginia and Arlington County. Funds for the balance of the land required between Chain Bridge and the Leiter property are included in the \$228,000 budget item which the Planning Commission has requested in 1956. This includes \$190,000 to acquire the balance of the land necessary in Maryland from the District line to Great Falls, and \$38,000 for the balance of the land required in Virginia from Chain Bridge vicinity to the Leiter property. A considerable portion of the land between Chain Bridge and Virginia Route 123 has been acquired under funds previously made available.

It is my understanding that perhaps Mr. Allen Dulles or other representatives of the C.I.A. intends to discuss this matter further with you at an early date.

Director

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