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9 November 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

FROM: Chief, Plans and Policy Staff

SUBJECT: CIA Participation in the National War College

1. On 23 October at the National War College Alumni Association Luncheon, Admiral Wooldridge told me that he had recently recommended that the Joint Chiefs of Staff provide at least four or five spaces for Agency personnel in the 1957-58 Class of the National War College. The Joint Chiefs will inform him of their decision on his recommendation sometime in December.

2. The Admiral said he based his recommendation on two factors, namely:

a. that CIA members of the classes at the National War College consistently were among the outstanding members of the class and furthered the aims of the College by their excellent participation;

b. that he personally shared the DCI's view that Agency participation in the NWC should be increased.

3. The Admiral pointed out that only the Armed Forces and the Department of State actually have a standing quota for attendance in classes at the NWC. Other civilian agencies of the Government, such as CIA, USIA, NSA, Commerce, Treasury, etc., are invited each year on an ad hoc basis. In the Class of 1957, the civilian representation is as follows:

Dept. of State	18	USIA	3
Dept. of Defense	4	NSA	1
CIA	3	Commerce	1

4. By separate communication from the Executive Officer, NWC, OTR has been informed that Que Clearances will be required for each member of the class beginning with the Class of 1957-58.

5. In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that:

a. at least five principal and three alternate candidates be selected for the 1957-58 class at the National War College; and

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b. The Clearance action be initiated on the candidates immediately after selection.

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TO: Executive Secretary
CIA Career Council

FROM: DTR

Will you include the substance of this memorandum on the Agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

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