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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Senior Officers Orientation Course Conducted
by the U. S. Army Special Warfare School

1. The course at Fort Bragg was attended by 96 officers and civilians. The great majority of the class were regular Army officers in the grade of Colonel. There were three General officers present, and a small number of Lieutenant Colonels and Majors were also included. The eleven civilians ranged from GS-12 to FSO-1.

2. The course included $4\frac{1}{2}$ days of instruction and constituted a survey of the principles of counter-insurgency operations, review of a number of case studies, and some briefing on the capabilities and role of the U. S. Army Special Forces.

3. The instruction was of high quality and the course did an excellent job of acquainting senior officers, who had no previous experience in the field, with the problems of counter-insurgency. I strongly recommend that we continue to use the two billets available to the Agency, but I would suggest that, instead of sending professional paramilitary people, we would benefit more by sending senior Agency officials whose work is affected by the problem of counter-insurgency but who have not had the opportunity to be exposed to all the military technicalities.

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