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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Proposed Revision of DD/P Organizational Documents

1. This memo will serve to record the main points developed in a discussion with the Director on June 29, and should serve as a guide for the indicated revisions of certain key organizational documents applicable to the position of the DD/P, and the organization and chain of command of the DD/P area. The meeting was held in the Director's office and was attended by the following individuals in addition to the Director and the undersigned: Colonel White [redacted], Mr. Kirkpatrick, [redacted] (It will be recalled that a discussion of very closely related subject matter was held in my office on the afternoon of June 27, such meeting having been called for the purpose of considering what documents needed to be revised and what other actions needed to be taken in order to clarify the chain of command. [redacted] attended the earlier meeting.)

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2. The discussion which brought up the points here recorded came about as the result of Mr. Kirkpatrick's proposal to the Director of certain replies to the first two recommendations of the Hoover (Clark) Commission. These recommendations are as follows:

a. That the "Covert Intelligence" and "cold war" functions of DD/P be assigned to separate Deputy Directors, whose areas of responsibility shall be administratively and logistically self-supporting.

b. That the part of Agency Directive of 15 July 1952 appointing area division chiefs as executives of the DCI and providing for direct dealing with him and "Senior Representatives" be rescinded.

With regard to these two recommendations the Director indicated that we should not concur in the first but that the second should be accepted and agreed to by us. He said that it had been a long time since he had read the Agency Directive of 15 July 1952, but that he had not recalled that it went so far toward establishing a basis of direct responsibility and dealing as between the area division chiefs and "Senior Representatives" on the one hand and himself as Director on the other. He said if this were so it did not represent or conform to the actual practice within the Agency as he understood and deemed it to be. Mr. Kirkpatrick





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and others assured the Director that the Agency Directive of 15 July 1952 and the chart attached thereto very definitely did contain the kind of language recommended for revision in the Clark Committee report, and that under the language of this Directive and chart, as well as certain other organizational documents, the position of the office of the DD/P is quite anomalous. In answer to further questions from the Director, 25X1A Mr. Kirkpatrick and [redacted] made very precise statements with regard to the effect of the existing language etc., stating that under the wording of these provisions, etc. the DD/P does not have command responsibilities or authority except within the headquarters organization (it is completely lacking as regards the overseas part of the organization *) and even within headquarters the area division chiefs are set up as the executives of the DCI -- thus casting a cloud upon the position of the DD/P in the chain of command and giving the area division chiefs as least a technical right of direct access to the Director.

3. The Director stated that he had not been aware of this language or of its significance and that he did not agree with this concept. He directed that the language and other provisions be appropriately revised and that the revisions be reflected in the Agency's comments upon recommendations of the Clark Committee in such a manner as to indicate that we had improved our organizational structure responsive to this particular recommendation. He specifically referred to the Agency Directive of 15 July 1952, to the chart attached thereto, and to "any and all other documents both here and abroad" which are inconsistent with the concept whihh he holds. The Director instructed Mr. Kirkpatrick, in conjunction with 25X1A [redacted] to draw up language which will "reflect clearly that the DD/P is in command of his entire area" and submit this language to the DD/P and his principal staff officers for approval or comments.

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* This was the actual wording of [redacted] statement to the Director. I do not fully agree with this interpretation of the existing documents and do not believe that most overseas Station Chiefs would go so far as to deny any and all DD/P 25X1A authority over them. However it was useful for [redacted] to make the point in this way since it served to point up and clarify the issue.