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	METERATION FOR: Assistant Director, USA
25X1A	SUBJECT:
25X1A 25X1A	1. On the basis of information provided by from Air Force sources, and at your request an investigation was conducted to determine whether or not any Agency representatives had discussed Project IDEALIST or its predecessor at the United States Air Force Academy.
25X1A	2. It was determined that Office of Train- ing, DD/S, had in fact given a briefing to the cadets at the USAF Academy on 7 February 1962 at which time he gratuitously offered infor- mation on the Agency's role in recommaissance of denied areas through the use of U-2 aircraft.
25X1A	interviewed by an of this Branch, advised
25X1A	on 13 July 1962 that he gave a Top Secret briefing to the cadets at which time he discussed the nature, functions, and responsibilities of
25X1A	CIA. advised that in lectures of this type, he has included as mart of his talk, information on the use of the U-2, since it is a
25X1A	that his courses of information were the New York Times, the Wash- ington Post, and several lectures given by General Cabell to the
25X1A	Metional War College in 1961 at which he, man had been present.
25X1A	the indicated that he had touched only lightly on the flight characteristics and capabilities of the U-2, but had spent some time in describing the tremendous value that resulted to the nation, of the rather large number of flights that had been conducted successfully. He stated that he advised his sudience, that on balance, the use of the U-2 in recommaissance was a risk that had to be assumed, and one that provided such useful information to the intelligence community, despite any unitarionate political remifications. Because his audience consisted of future Air Force officers, he pointed out that the Air Force had a major role, both in planning and in the operational use of the aircraft is brought up, he normally comments the U-2 still existence can be used if the President directs. Sould not recall whether the question of current operational use sould not recall whether the question of current operational use mad been prought up at the USAF Acedemy.
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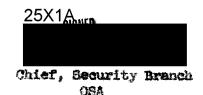
5. When asked for his file of source material, or an outline of his speech, advised that he has no such file, and that he always speaks extemporaneously without outline or notes.

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anticipates that at any lecture given to government or military groups where CIA is discussed, he will receive questions concerning the use of the U-2. He indicated that on other occasions, in addressing other groups, for example officials of the State Department, he has discussed U-2 aircraft, but makes it a particular point never to discuss current operational information regarding any Agency project or activity.

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7. A letter has been prepared for Deputy Director/Support, Attention: Director, Office of Training, requesting that and any other briefing officers of the Office of Training refrain from discussing Project IDEALIST or its predecessor during their lectures.



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