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First Meeting
of
SUPPORT SERVICES HISTORICAL BOARD

26 October 1966 - 1400

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1. Present were Messrs. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted] also attended this first meeting.

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2. After opening comments by the chairman, Mr. [redacted] proceeded to discuss the historical programs as now being undertaken by the Clandestine Services and the Intelligence Directorate. This discussion covered the types of papers being prepared; personnel who are writing them; suggestions that we may wish to follow in organizing the Support Services' effort.

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3. Tentative decisions taken by the Board are:

a. We should start the Office histories with the formation of CIA but use a transitional chapter to cover the period from the demise of OSS through SSU and CIG. These chapters would thus carry forward from OSS the surviving organizations which eventually formed the nuclei for present Offices in the Support Services.

b. Each Support Office should be asked to designate a senior officer who can act as a point of contact for the Board and follow up on monographs being prepared by various individuals in the particular office.

c. Monographs covering sensitive activities, projects, or programs should be included in this writing effort, with the necessary security restrictions placed on the finished product.

d. The cut-off date will be 31 December 1966.

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4. Our initial step should be to ask each office to give us their advice on the various papers that they believe should be written to cover the period from 1947 through 1966. We would ask them to indicate by name those individuals who they think might write these papers and to also furnish us a rough table of contents for the history of their particular office. We should establish a relatively short deadline for this initial information in order that we then might get on with the overall project.

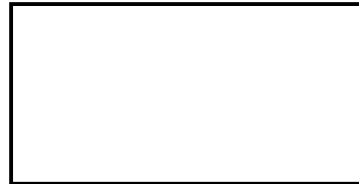
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5. Mr. [redacted] suggested that many short papers might be written by on-duty personnel. In cases where lengthy monographs were called for, it might be desirable to consider the contract employment of annuitants or the separation from current activities of personnel due to retire within the next 6-12 months in order that they might devote their time to such papers prior to retirement.

6. There was some discussion of the advisability of bringing the historical representatives from offices other than those represented on the Board more closely into the picture as alternate Board members perhaps. A decision was deferred pending further study.

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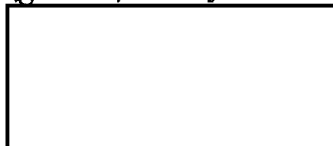
7. Mr. [redacted] has generously agreed to assist us in drawing up some informative guidelines to be used in initiating our historical effort.



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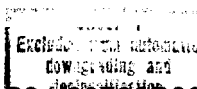


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