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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : Thesis Topics

1. At the Executive Committee meeting the Executive Director raised the question of the selection by Agency students attending the service schools of topics for the required thesis. He cited as an example one student selecting "Special Group CI" and submitting questionnaires to a number of senior officers concerned with this group. A general discussion followed and it was the consensus that students attending schools which require a thesis should be informed in advance of attendance that the selection of a topic should be discussed with the Agency (OTR) for advice, assistance and approval. We are principally concerned with whether the topic deals with intelligence and whether the topic is appropriate for a thesis. It was also stated that the Agency can assist the individual in his selection so as to avoid the pitfalls of security limitations and sensitive subjects we would not care to have discussed.

2. For those topics not involving intelligence there is, of course, no issue. It is possible that Colonel White will forward a memorandum on this topic. However, please take the necessary action to initiate the thesis review procedure.

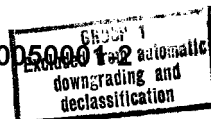
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"13. Senior Officer Schools

OTR has taken several steps to comply with the directive contained in the DDS memorandum dated 29 December on the subject of OTR approval of theses/research papers prepared by CIA students attending senior officer schools. The External Training Briefing Sheet has been redesigned to incorporate this point. Personnel attending war colleges are being advised to inform us of their research topics. Students for the 41st class of the Armed Forces Staff College were briefed on this requirement last week."

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