

PERS 80-1804
DD/A 80-0168/4

24 March 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CIA Agreement with VA and St. Elizabeths Hospitals

1. The undersigned chaired a meeting to discuss the Agency's agreement with VA and St. Elizabeths Hospitals for admission and treatment of CIA beneficiaries. It was attended by:

[REDACTED], DD/OPPP&M
[REDACTED], AD/Office of Security
[REDACTED], Office of Medical Services
[REDACTED], Office of General Counsel
[REDACTED], Office of Security

2. [REDACTED] expressed a strong concern for the agreement that had been endorsed by the DDCI and representatives of the two hospitals on primarily four points:

a. That this Agency has broad authority to hospitalize "beneficiaries."

b. "All costs for admission and hospitalization will be born by the CIA" for Agency beneficiaries.

c. In the event of a death of a beneficiary, the Agency will assume burial costs.

d. The definition of beneficiary as described by [REDACTED] in a 10 October 1979 memorandum.

3. [REDACTED] OGC had prepared implementing guidelines to the joint agreement suggesting a committee be convened when an unusual case arises which requires admission and/or commitment of a "beneficiary" to a hospital.

4. [REDACTED] pointed out that the purpose of the agreement served to ensure that a hospital bed(s) would be available to the Agency in only the most unusual circumstances (primarily operational), and if the person for whom the Agency is responsible can not be admitted to a local hospital for whatever reason. Interest in VA relates to availability of hospitals throughout the country. He also talked of a previous agreement (from the late '50's which was similar to the one recently approved).

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[REDACTED] will send copies of the old agreement to
[REDACTED]

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5. While [REDACTED] position was understood there was consensus that the agreements which were signed by the DDCI and the hospital representatives were much too broad and could possibly be interpreted as providing the Agency indiscriminate authority to hospitalize (commit) patients.

6. It was agreed that [REDACTED] will prepare an implementing procedure which will adequately protect the Agency, will define beneficiaries, will clarify the Agency's payment responsibilities and will drop any notion of convening a committee to make determinations that can only be the responsibility of the medical profession.

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[REDACTED]
Executive Officer/DDA

cc: All Attendees

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conclusions after a spirited discussion:

1. [redacted] to send copy of [redacted] only. agreement to [redacted] + OGC - [redacted]

2. OGC to redraft definition of "beneficiaries" and ground rules - employees, agents etc - defectors - voluntary dependents - also consensus of group was that a committee was unnecessary.

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Purpose of Agreements. To
allow CIA to assist in
fairly emergency situations when
no responsible party is
available to make decision.

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

CIA Agreement w/VA and St. Elizabeths Hospital

FROM:

Executive Officer/DDA

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Ben:

This is far from verbatim but I think it catches the sense of the meeting.

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Agreement with the VA and St. Elizabeth's Hospitals for Admission and Treatment of CIA Beneficiaries PERS 80-1524

FROM: [Redacted]
Executive Officer/DDA

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EXTENSION NO. DD/A 80-0168/3

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1. [Redacted]
Deputy Director/OPPP&M

2. [Redacted]

3. [Redacted]
Acting Director of Security

5. [Redacted]
Chief/CMS/PA

7. [Redacted]
Office of General Counsel

9. *DD Par/SP*

As suggested in [Redacted] memo of 16 Jan 80 I feel it advisable to have a meeting to discuss guidelines for implementing the VA and St. Elizabeths Hospital Agreements.

The agreements plus a memo from [Redacted] to the undersigned, dated 10 Oct 79 were forwarded for information and comment on 29 Jan 80. I have added the following:

- a. Memo to [Redacted] from [Redacted] /OGC; 29 Sept 78
- b. Memo to DDCI; dated 23 March 80 from [Redacted]
- c. Memo to DDCI from C/Med.Dir. VA Hosp. w/Agreement; dated 18 Sept 78
- d. Memo to DDCI from DDA; dtd 6 Oct 78
- e. Memo to EO/DDA from D/OS; dtd 5 Feb 80.

I think this information is sufficient background to discuss the OGC guidelines. The meeting will be 19 March, 0930 hours, in Rm 7D32. It is my intention to hold this meeting to one hour and resolve issues on the guidelines once and for all.

[Redacted]

Atts.: As stated.