

27 July 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT : USC/FAR Meeting, 25 July 1973

The following are the major items concerning yesterday's plenary meeting:

1. The Third USC/FAR Consolidated Research Plan (CRP) for FY-1974-1975 was approved, in draft, by the attending representatives of Member and Observer Agencies (see attached list). This means that the external research plans of the participating Member Agencies, for the next two years, have been surveyed, the results collated, and the area and functional emphasis of these plans, clearly defined. USC/FAR Executive Secretary, E. Raymond Platig, noted that this year, CIA became the first (and only) Observer Agency to make a contribution to the CRP. However, since CIA's contribution is classified (confidential), it cannot be included in the forthcoming publication of the Third CRP. He said he hoped that next year, CIA might find it possible to submit external research data in an unclassified submission, for publication in the Fourth CRP. (He mentioned phone conversations with you regarding this.)

2. General agreement on new "Objectives" in the CRP:

a. To assess the state of external research on countries in the Near East and South Asia. (There is concern over the fact that USC/FAR Member Agencies now plan to spend less than half of the amount for external research that was indicated in the Second CRP (FY-73&74). The USC/FAR Consultative Group on Near East and South Asia will examine.)

b. To look at emerging international societies (multinational public and private institutions), as well as areas of interdependence among nations and various transnational phenomena. (There is interest in examining the less strategic, but increasing prevalent international relationships: tourism, multinational corporations, ecological associations, etc. The International Political-Social Relations Consultative Group.)

c. Assist ACDA in assessing priority research needs in the field of arms control. (ACDA has had serious budgetary cuts, and it is felt that USC/FAR might alleviate this by providing inter-agency concurrence to ACDA proposals for funding.)

3. Other matters:

a. The DOD representative stressed that notation should be made in the Third Plan that figures provided for FY-75 are not to be considered firm, but only projected. All agreed that the current rather chilly fiscal climate made this advisable.

b. Mr. Cline encouraged -- and DOD endorsed -- other Observer Agencies to make known, as fully as possible, their Agencies' external research plans in the future. He was delighted that CIA had made a

contribution (classified), and encouraged the National Science Foundation representative to attempt, in essay form, to discuss the priorities of their funding program -- this for distribution to other Agencies, and possibly even inclusion in the next CRP.

c. The HEW Representative stressed the possible value of surveying the USC/FAR Member and Observer Agencies regarding the utility of external research products: are they used; why or why not, etc? Mr. Cline --not very enthusiastic -- said that the HEW Representative could consider and develop a specific proposal for this, if he so desired.

d. Mr. Cline also mentioned that significant management of ADP assistance and advice was being provided to the "USC/FAR Current Inventory of Government Sponsored External Research." Hopefully, this assistance should make this a more useable and efficient Reference Aid in the future.

e. Mr. Cline distributed copies of the attached "Memorandum for the Chairman, USC" and "Foreward." Any comments should be phoned to Mr. Platig by COB Friday, 27 July. I have none.



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I passed on your regrets to Mr. Cline after the meeting -- he said he preferred to have me come anyway -- ha! By the way, he entered the meeting room carrying a leatherette briefcase stamped WATERGATE--Confidential File. The case was covered with holes. Chuckle . . . . .

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