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MEMORANDUM FOR: Consultative Group Representatives

SUBJECT : Meeting of USC/FAR Subcommittee, 7 May 1975

1. The USC/FAR Subcommittee, of which I am a member, met on 7 May to discuss a State Department Secretary Kissinger-generated proposal for a sizeable program of basic research in key foreign areas. Kissinger's intent is to break away from the contracting research for specific papers, ^{pattern} and spread money around to generate new ideas and concepts about foreign policy in the years to come.

2. The USC/FAR representatives did not respond by offering to cooperate, and there were various reasons for this.

3. There was some conversation that the consultative groups can be used more effectively to eliminate duplication of effort and concentrate efforts on more topics. Accordingly, some of you may find yourselves attending meetings called for this purpose. If so, you should bear the following in mind:

a. Ever since the Katzenbach report of the late Johnson Administration, the Agency has followed a policy of not contracting directly with universities and colleges to do work in the social science research field. There is no change in this policy.

b. The Agency does contract with individual professors but on the condition that the administration of their college or university is aware of the relationship. This is to avoid any hint of clandestinity.

c. The Agency does contract with universities and colleges in the non-social science research field; for example, ORD of DDS&T lets some contracts.

d. The Agency does, of course, contract directly with non-academic research institutions, think tanks, and the like to work in the social science field.

4. If there is any upsurge in activity in the consultative groups, I would appreciate a brief note from any of you telling me what is going on.



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