

19 MAY 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:
Acting Director of Personnel

SUBJECT: Wearing of the Military Uniform While
on Detail to the CIA (U)

1. Action Requested: This memorandum requests that you approve the recommendation contained in paragraph 3. (U)

2. Background: The Joint Chiefs of Staff have issued guidance regarding the wearing of civilian clothing/uniforms for military detailees assigned to non-military Government agencies. While stipulating that military personnel on such details have had the option of wearing civilian clothing, it is the Armed Forces belief that their image would be best served if the service uniform was worn on a daily basis unless otherwise directed by the head of the non-military agency. For instance, the communication from the Chief of the Air Force states, ". . . I believe that our reputation would be immeasurably enhanced were all personnel in the Washington area to wear the uniform" Historically, the military detailees assigned to the CIA have worn civilian clothing more than the uniform. Obviously, there are operational and cover considerations which may preclude the wearing of the uniform on the part of some military detailees, especially those in the Directorate of Operations. In the case of other Agency components, there may not be a valid reason for the detailee not wearing the uniform. (C)

3. Recommendation: I recommend that we advise each operating official who has military detailees of the preferred policy of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; further, that it be his or her decision as to whether cover, operational or other valid concerns are of such a nature as to preclude wearing of the uniform on a day-to-day basis. (C)

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