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MEMORANDUM FOR:   
Coordinator for Academic Relations

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FROM :   
SUBJECT : CIA Academic Relations

1. An NIO review of subject paper has resulted in our conclusion that the paper really needs to go back to the drawing board. First, it is not clear to us what the purpose of the exercise is. Two possibilities come to mind:

A. Some form of public declaration, for cosmetic purposes, concerning CIA's future Simon-Purity in its dealings with academe.

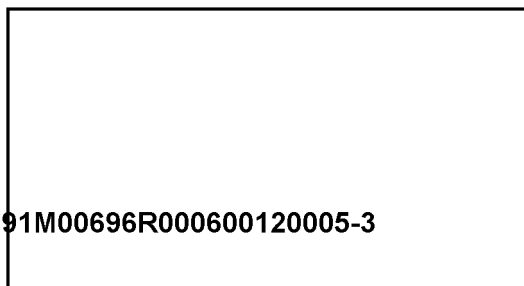
B. A serious attempt to establish internal guidelines (a DCID ?) covering CIA contacts with the academic community.

2. If we are interested in the former, the present declaration is far too specific, legalistic and inelegant. What we need for that purpose, it seems, is some well-chosen language, explaining in a general way CIA policy and practice toward American universities, that might be incorporated in one of the DCI's upcoming commencement addresses. Such language should be as non-legalistic, but reassuring, as possible.

3. If the latter is intended, we need a very different kind of document, covering the following five points:

A. Formal contractual relations with a university for a research project.

B. Formal contractual relations with an individual consultant employed by a university.



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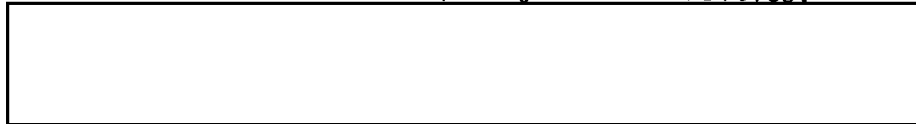
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C. Informal exploitation of academic expertise by CIA analysts directly or through DCD.

D. CIA recruitment policy at universities.



Guidelines covering these five issues will have to be drawn very carefully, balancing the needs for candor and openness against the requirements of our intelligence interests.

4. Specifically addressing your draft, there is considerable confusion as between organized, structured, or "team" projects, on the one hand, and individual relations with consultants on the other. Some of the observations apply to the first part, not the second, and vice versa. We would suggest that a new draft make this distinction clear. For example, paragraph A on page 1 is clearly talking about organized projects done in the institution or in cooperation with the institution; paragraph C on page 2 could be talking about individual consultants. Both are lumped together, though different principles surely apply. The same could be said of paragraph D on page 3.

5. We further urge deletion of a certain amount of gratuitous matter. Thus the last sentence of paragraph D on page 3 promises the CIA will not seek to affect the content of a teaching course. Similarly, paragraph E on page 3 says it will not try to influence the results of research. Do these disavowals really have to be made? They create impressions of evil intent, the avoidance of which should go without saying. A similar effect arises in paragraph F page 4; does anyone think the CIA would try to force a university or an individual into this kind of service involuntarily?

6. Our next comment is more of a question and relates to paragraph C page 2. Do we really want to ask the President's office of every university to pass on every Agency relationship with every professor. There may be cases where both sides desire this, but there also may be cases where neither would want it. We can well imagine some professors and some college administrators wanting very much not to subject themselves to this kind of discipline. If anything has to be said on this subject, it should be much looser and more optional.



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Remarks: Attached by [redacted] DDI/Academic Coordinator [redacted] Will you please have someone convey your views to him.

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