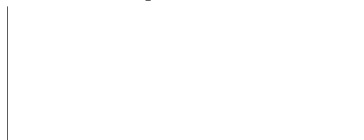


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Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 328
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency
at 2:00 p.m., 26 October 1956

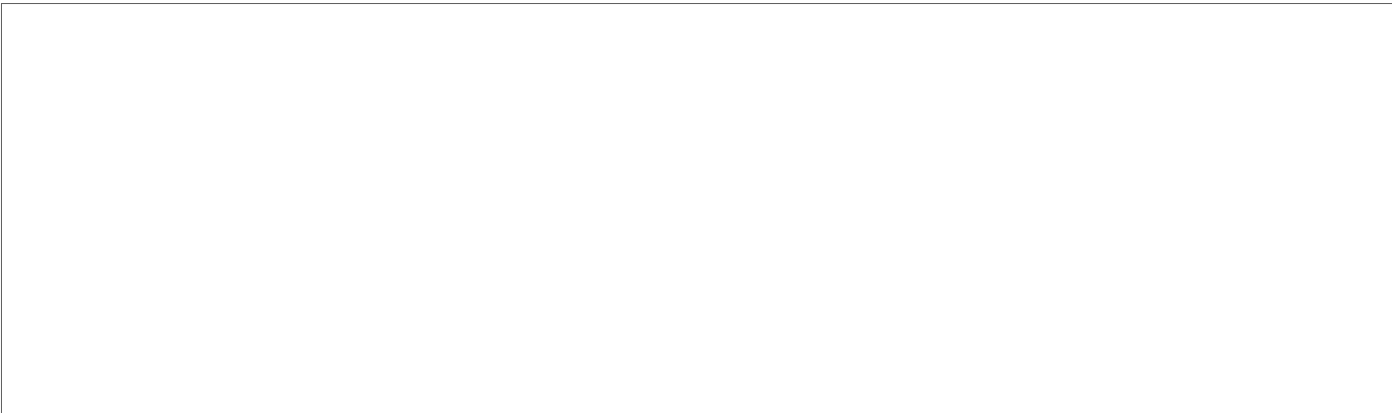
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Plan for Field Processing

2. Mr. Landahl submitted a plan for establishment of a field processing unit which would be stationed with AQUATONE Base A but would be responsive to technical and substantive direction from HTAUTOMAT. He indicated that current thinking was to establish similar processing units at Bases B and C. The purpose of these establishments would be to be available for high quality processing for tactical intelligence purposes in the theatre as necessary. In the case of the first to be established at Base A, it was contemplated that the processing center would make available to USAFE a duplicate positive for field use after which the original

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negative would be forwarded to HTAUTOMAT for screening in making of urgently needed prints. Thereupon, the original negative would go to Eastman for regular processing and distribution.

3. No objection was perceived to this proposal. Colonel Macia pointed out that in view of the intention to impose TALENT standards on the field units the Air Force may run into difficulties. In any event, he said he would have to look into this matter with the USAFE Commander.

4. The Chairman indicated that as soon as the Agency had made a decision on this matter he would inform the group, particularly in order that Colonel Macia may institute action, vis-a-vis, establishment of the TALENT Center at [redacted]. Subsequent to the meeting, CIA made a decision to proceed with this plan. This constitutes the written notice referred to above which also confirms the oral notice by telephone to Colonel Macia.

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TALENT Procedure re Emergency Handling

5. The Chairman recalled the Navy's request for a change in procedure with regard to emergency handling of field packages of TALENT materials (Op-922H1/my, Ser NT-0036-56, 15 October 1956). The Chairman distributed a memorandum prepared by the TALENT Security Officer ([redacted], 24 October 1956) recommending changes pertinent to the same subject as the Navy communication.

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6. It was agreed that the procedures with regard to emergency dissemination be as follows:

a. The emergency packages remain sealed and that the packages be accompanied by a "ready reference" listing of the package contents and that such reference be logged as TOP SECRET information but restricted to the custody of the Commanding Officer and his Intelligence Officer only.

b. Holders of emergency packages be required to possess at least a TOP SECRET Clearance.

c. Materials in emergency packages be marked TALENT or by some other indicator (to be designated at a later date) within the TALENT Control System.

d. Packages within the emergency category be controlled with the System to the final point of distribution and that the TALENT Control Center at that point of distribution be accountable at all times for all emergency packages distributed by that Center.

e. No detailed report will be required by TALENT Control Headquarters for each package distributed by the designated TALENT Control Center. However, the designated TALENT Control Center (final point of distribution for emergency packages) would be accountable at all times for all emergency packages so distributed. Such a TALENT Control Center would necessarily maintain records, proper receipts for all emergency packages issued, and would have the responsibility of advising the respective Commanding Officers to whom such packages may be furnished as to the extreme sensitivity of the contents.

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f. At the time a supplement is issued to the TALENT Control Manual, the following insert will be included in Chapter iv, Paragraph A. 1.--"A general or flag officer ..."

The Chairman requested the CIA TALENT Security Officer to initiate such action as would be necessary beyond this notice.

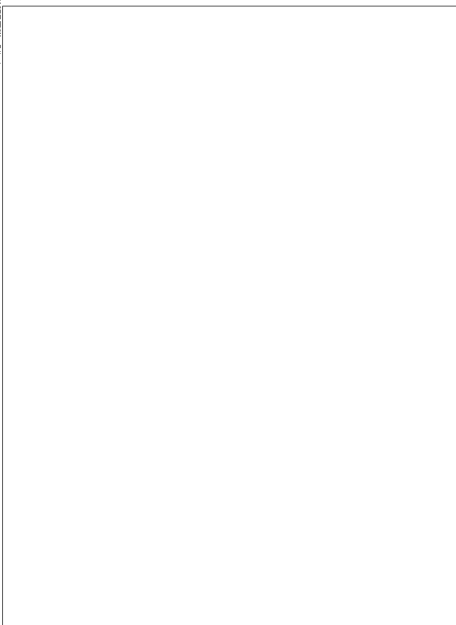
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7. The Chairman called attention to the communication from the Army (TS(T)-279(1) dated 23 October 1956), copies having already been distributed directly to the Air Force and Navy. It was agreed to consider this requirement along with others which might be proposed by the agencies at a later meeting, taking into account the need to search carefully to uncover possible targets which could be shown to reveal exceptionally important information in the National Security Interest.

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