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MEMORANDUM FOR: RMO/DS&T
C/IMB/IRMD/OIS/DA

FROM:

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Chief, Historical Review Branch, CRD
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SUBJECT: Request for DS&T Guidelines for the Historical
Review of AQUATONE and OXCART Records [Redacted]

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1. Attached is an outline of major subjects that OIS/CRD anticipates will be encountered during declassification review of AQUATONE and OXCART records under the CIA Historical Review Program. In accordance with our discussion of 5 March, I am submitting this outline to you to solicit DS&T guidelines to govern CRD's initial declassification review. [Redacted]

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2. The outline is merely a prompt for your use. The items represent what CRD is able to anticipate, based on the limited sampling of material that we have carried out so far, as subjects that will be encountered during the course of review. Please use the list or not as you see fit. What we hope for are DS&T guidelines that are as detailed as possible in breaking down subjects and as yes-no as possible in decisions to withhold or release.

3. We are sure that after your first pass at setting guidelines for us, many more questions will arise in the course of review that will require DS&T-CRD consultations. The first pass, however, hopefully will give CRD reviewers a basic orientation to how DS&T regards the sensitivity of these records and enable CRD to begin work.

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Attachment

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OUTLINE FOR GUIDELINES

TECHNICAL SUBJECTS

1. Identification of equipment
 - a. Types, models (i.e., U-2 variants, cameras, radars, elint sets)
 - b. Formal specifications
2. Experimental-developmental data (i.e., wind tunnel studies, titanium fabrication, stealth technology work)
3. Special conditions of equipment use
 - a. Preparations (i.e., lead times to prepare a mission)
 - b. Cautions (i.e., HIGH CONE)
 - c. Special requirements (i.e., runway lengths, fuel characteristics)

CODEWORDS (AQUATONE, CHALICE, IDEALIST, etc.)

PERSONS

1. Identification
 - a. By direct naming
 - b. By circumstantial inference
 - c. Pilots
 - d. Corporate officials
 - (1) Witting
 - (2) Unwitting (i.e., some subcontractors)
 - (3) Who rejected work after approached

2. Terms of employment (i.e., salaries, tax)

3. Official personnel records

4. Accomplishments while employed

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CORPORATIONS

1. Identification
2. Negotiating histories
3. Contracts and amendments
 - a. General terms
 - b. Detailed provisions
4. Information bearing on competitive position
 - a. Technical capabilities and limitations
 - b. Financial standing
 - c. Patentable knowledge
 - d. Organizational details
5. Accomplishments for AQUATONE and OXCART (i.e., pressure suits, glass fusing techniques)
6. Reflections on their attitudes, competence, worth from CIA view

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HISTORICAL OUTLINE

1. Genesis of programs
 - a. Boards and their members
2. Decision processes (i.e., Bissell trips to Eisenhower office)
3. Events in design and construction of aircraft
 - a. Locating and equipping facilities
 - b. Personnel recruitment and training
 - c. Testing
 - d. Fleet buildup

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OPERATIONAL HISTORY

1. Mission folders (missions flown)

- ✓ a. Presidential actions in approval
- ✓ b. Mission plots
- ✓ c. Accidents, mishaps, surprises
- ✓ d. Mission results
- ✓ e. National policy consequences from the mission

2. Mission folders (missions planned but not flown)

3. Countries and targets overflown

4. Foreign participants

5. Foreign bases

- ✓ a. Locations
- ✓ b. Equipment
- ✓ c. Degree of host government participation or knowledge
- ✓ d. Date spans

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