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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident/Incident Investigation

REFERENCE: Memorandum from DDP to DDS&T and DDS, dated 1 November 1967. Subject: Informal Reviews of Aircraft Accidents or Incidents by DDP Special Operations Division Accident/Incident Investigation Board (DD/P 7-4664)

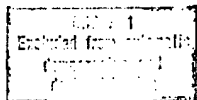
1. The DDS&T and the Office of Special Activities (OSA) much appreciate your kind offer of the use of your Special Operations Division Accident/Incident Investigation Board. Should we encounter exceptional situations in our activities requiring the use of a special board, we will avail ourselves of the capability noted in referenced memorandum.

2. In view of the somewhat joint CIA/USAF nature of the DDS&T/OSA programs and Air Force vital interest, in addition to ours, in reports, we normally follow the procedures outlined below in accidents/incidents involving OSA aircraft:

a. USAF aircraft assigned to OSA activities: The incident/accident is investigated and a report rendered by a board of Air Force personnel in accordance with Air Force Regulation 127-4, "Investigation and Reporting of U. S. A. F. Aircraft Accidents/Incidents".

b. OXCART: Incidents/accidents involving the OXCART aircraft are investigated and reported upon by a specially augmented board of cleared Air Force personnel (familiar with technical equipment in use) usually from the Office of the Inspector General, USAF, Norton Air Force Base, in accordance with AFR-127-4.

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c. U-2: Incidents/accidents involving the U-2 are investigated by a board of Air Force personnel (familiar with technical equipment in use) from OSA and technical personnel from the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation and elsewhere, as required. Their investigation and report is conducted along the guidelines laid out by AFR-127-4.

CARL E. DUCKETT
Deputy Director
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cc: DDS

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