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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: USAF Support to CIA Overseas

1. On 4 December, Mr. George Garrett and Col. J. L. Cole, both of the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, visited Liaison Control Branch to discuss a letter dated 16 November 1953 addressed to Lt. Gen. E.E. Partridge, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, USAF, from Maj. Gen. Reuben C. Hood, Commander, Caribbean Air Command (APO 825 c/o PM New Orleans.) General Hood referred to Department of the Air Force letter of 20 August 1953 to Director, Central Intelligence Agency, Subject: Support of CIA Operation in Peacetime - Short Title: (Unclassified), DAF-53, and cited a request from a CIA representative in San Salvador for Air Mission support involving a flight from San Salvador to Tegucigalpa to transport a 600-pound shipment. The shipment was transported on 20 October 1953 and was delivered to the Chief of the Air Mission in Honduras for delivery to an unnamed CIA representative. According to General Hood the shipment was made by Air Mission aircraft in order to circumvent Customs procedures of either Honduras or San Salvador.

2. General Hood suggested that calls for Air Force support be directed first to the Air Attache in the country where such support is needed rather than to the Air Mission that may also be operating in the same country. General Hood's letter was referred to Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, for action, as attaches are a part of the Directorate of Intelligence. Col. Cole and Mr. Garrett were unaware of DAF-53, but were shown a copy during the course of our discussion. They both admitted that it seemed to grant authority for Air Force support of CIA under practically any conditions. They also pointed out that Air Attaches are under instruction from the Directorate of Intelligence to secure Washington authority before giving support to CIA representatives in the field.

3. It would appear, therefore, that procedures of the Air Attache Branch may conflict with the authority conveyed in DAF-53. I am certain that Mr. Garrett and Col. Cole will investigate the extent of this conflict and believe that we should be prepared to support the provisions of DAF-53 in case they are questioned by the Directorate of Intelligence.

4. In closing, Mr. Garrett remarked that the authority delegated in DAF-53 could also conflict with the authority wielded by U. S. Ambassadors abroad if clandestine support activities were undertaken without an Ambassador's knowledge. He also commented on the position of the Chief of Staff, USAF, in granting authority to support activities that could violate international agreements or the statutes of other nations, a situation that appears to exist in connection with the flight of October 20.

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