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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Special Group

SUBJECT: Review of Tibetan Operations

1. Summary - The CIA Tibetan Activity consists of political action, propaganda, and paramilitary activity. The purpose of the program at this stage is to keep the political concept of an autonomous Tibet alive within Tibet and among foreign nations, principally India, and to build a capability for resistance against possible political developments inside Communist China.

2. Problem - To explain Agency expenditures in support of the Tibetan program.

3. Background and Objectives - At a 13 December 1962 meeting "The Special Group approved the continuation of CIA controlled Tibetan Operations [redacted]

[redacted] Previous operations had gone to support isolated Tibetan resistance groups within Tibet and to the creation of a paramilitary force on the Nepal/Tibet border of approximately 2,000 men, 800 of whom were armed by [redacted] airdrop in January 1961. In 1963, as a result of the

[redacted] as a result of the cited Special Group meeting, the Agency began a

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more broadly based political program with the exiled Tibetans. This included bringing 133 Tibetans to the United States for training in political, propaganda and paramilitary techniques; continuing the support subsidy to the Dalai Lama's entourage at Dharamsala, India; continuing support to the Nepal based Tibetan guerrillas; the reassignment of a part of the unarmed guerrillas to India for further training; and the [redacted]

[redacted] Operational plans call for the establishment of approximately 20 singleton resident agents in Tibet [redacted] two road watch teams in Tibet to report possible Chinese Communist build-ups, and six border watch communications teams [redacted]

[redacted] The [redacted] will stay in direct touch with Dharamsala and will conduct political correspondence with Tibetan refugee groups [redacted] [redacted] to create an increased Tibetan national political consciousness among these refugees. The [redacted] was established in

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October 1963, and the communications center serving it, [redacted]

[redacted] is presently being built with a completion date scheduled in February 1964.

One of the most serious problems facing the Tibetans is a lack of trained officials equipped with linguistic and administrative abilities. The Agency is undertaking the education of some 20 selected Tibetan junior officers to meet this need. A United States advisory committee composed of prominent United States citizens has been established to sponsor the education of these Tibetans. Cornell University has tentatively agreed to provide facilities for their education.

The Agency is supporting the establishment of Tibet Houses in [redacted] Geneva, and New York City. The Tibet Houses are intended to serve as unofficial representation for the Dalai Lama to maintain the concept of a separate Tibetan political identity. The Tibet House in New York City will work closely with Tibetan supporters in the United Nations, particularly the Malayan, Irish, and Thai delegations.

The cost of the Tibetan Program for FY 1964 can be summarized in approximate figures as follows:

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| a. Support of 2100 Tibetan guerrillas based in Nepal | \$ 500,000 |
| b. Subsidy to the Dalai Lama                         | 150,000    |

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c.	[redacted] (equipment, transportation, installation, and operator training costs)	225,000
d.	Expenses of covert training site in Colorado	400,000
e.	Tibet Houses in New York, Geneva, and [redacted] ( $\frac{1}{2}$ year)	75,000
f.	Black air transportation of Tibetan trainees from Colorado to India	185,000
g.	Miscellaneous (operating expenses of [redacted] equipment and supplies to reconnaissance teams, caching program, air resupply --not overflights, prepara- tion stages for agent network in Tibet, agent salaries, etc.)	125,000
h.	Educational program for 20 selected junior Tibetan officers	<u>45,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 1,735,000

4. Coordination - This Tibetan operational program has been coordinated with the Department of State for a number of years. Specific operational activity has been coordinated with the Department of Defense and the [redacted] [redacted] as necessary.

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5. Recommendations — Barring sudden developments inside Communist China and Tibet, expenses for this long-range, politically-oriented Tibet program are not expected to exceed this amount in the foreseeable future. In fact, there are a number of probable economies,

[redacted] for example.

Nonetheless, this program will continue to require fairly large expenditures over a long period of time to keep the possibility of a non-Communist government alive to the Tibetan people. We recommend continuance of this program.

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