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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Coordination of DTPILLAR activities with FE covert missions.

1. The following participated in a meeting held on 13 October 1951, concerned with the subject question: for FE - [redacted] for DTPILLAR - [redacted] President.

2. The following conclusions were reached:

a. No restrictions will be placed on DTPILLAR's overt information-gathering activities. Certain restrictions must, however, be placed on operational aspects of its overt program - political and psychological warfare and on covert activities.

b. Field coordination between the covert station chief and a witting representative of DTPILLAR will be required both for purposes of mutual assistance and to avoid impairment of the covert mission by DTPILLAR overt activity. The witting representative selected should be one meriting the confidence of the covert chief.

c. DTPILLAR will not be subject, except in emergency situations, to the operational control in the field of the CIA area Station Chief. In case of conflict between the Station Chief and the DTPILLAR representative, the issue will be resolved at headquarters. The views of the Station Chiefs are, however, important to the proper development of DTPILLAR and should be made known to headquarters as well as to the DTPILLAR representative in the field.

d. FE does not take the position that DTPILLAR cannot tap covert resources and, in fact, assumes that both the covert missions and DTPILLAR must largely utilize the same assets. Any approach by DTPILLAR to a covert contact or group must, however, be coordinated in advance, directly in the field or via Headquarters.

e. The method of field coordination may vary according to local conditions. For example, FE's covert mission in Hong Kong is conducted clandestinely vis a vis the Hong Kong Government, whereas DTPILLAR's activities will be known. Liaison between the covert mission and DTPILLAR may therefore have to be handled at some point outside of Hong Kong or through a cut-out.

f. DTPILLAR may not engage in covert activities without the consent of Washington headquarters and without coordination with the CIA covert field missions.

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g. In addition to field coordination (which in most areas will not be possible until the development of a DTPILLAR field staff), one person experienced in FE covert activities, and perhaps drawn from the FE staff, will be assigned to DTPILLAR headquarters for the sole purpose of detailed reporting on PILLAR activities to Washington. This reporting will be channeled through []

h. All DTPILLAR witting representatives proceeding to the field will be briefed prior to their departure, either at Washington headquarters or through the travel of an FE area desk officer to DTPILLAR, on their responsibility with respect to the covert mission.

i. FE assumes responsibility, in liaison with FDZ/SO, for counter-espionage protection of DTPILLAR.

j. Operations involving the use of DTPILLAR [] for covert missions will require headquarters approval.

k. Any communications of a covert nature between PILLAR and its field representatives must presently be transmitted through FE covert channels. [] suggested the possibility of a commercial code for PILLAR use, but this was not believed feasible. [] suggested that a committee from PILLAR, PY, and FE consider the problem of sensitive communications further.

l. PY will examine the pattern of field liaison existing between [] and KE for possible application to the problem of PILLAR - FE coordination.

3. Although no conclusive agreement on the manner of coordination at Washington headquarters between FE and PY was reached, it was noted that coordination is already being effected directly between [] and the area desks of FE and can be usefully supplemented through the medium of an informal FE-PW committee which meets weekly under the guidance of FE/Plans. [] explained that this committee was established to facilitate FE participation in the PY/PW Committee. ~~In the absence of any clear understanding on the part of the persons present as to the authority and responsibility of the latter, [] indicated his intention of discussing the functions of this committee with ADPC.~~

4. CFE commented that the basic purpose for the organization of DTPILLAR was the creation of a vehicle for the bulk of light gray psychological warfare in the Far East and that its utilization [] for covert operations was considered incidental to that main purpose. He also stated that it may become desirable in time for DTPILLAR to take over gray PW activities now carried on by the covert missions.

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