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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, POLICY COORDINATION

SUBJECT: OSO Assistance to OPC

Enclosure: Paper on an OPC Assessment Program prepared by Mr. William J. Morgan

1. In transmitting enclosure, I wish to point out that it represents only the personal ideas of the writer, and that by forwarding it there is neither implied nor expressed concurrence by this office as such. More than that, many of the ideas met with the vigorous opposition of my predecessor.
2. Before amplifying my own opinion regarding the content of the enclosure, I wish to make certain observations regarding the procedures by which it has come into being.
3. Personnel of OSO have been instructed to give any assistance possible to OPC, and that instruction still stands. However, on any but limited matters of detail, I believe that the desires of OPC should be formalized to the extent of a request, as a matter of record if nothing more, so that both Assistant Directors are cognizant of what assistance is being requested and being given. Certainly on any request resulting in a document whose scope is 19 pages, ADSO should have cognizance of the expenditure of labor, although I am informed that this particular piece of work was done outside of regular working hours.
4. Without intending personal criticism of any kind, I do feel that those of OPC who have formerly been with OSO would find it quite natural to take undue but perfectly unconscious advantage of their acquaintance here to go directly to individuals on matters that should really be the subject of more formal approval, and I should be most appreciative if I were apprised of such matters.
5. As for the content of the attached memorandum, I feel that it is an unrealistic extravagance to provide at the taxpayers expense a heaven for indigent psychiatrists. No one will pretend that certain tests and requirements should not be mandatory for applicants, but that it should necessitate a 100-acre estate, and dozens of \$10,000-psychologists to be waited on by \$4,000-housekeepers, cooks, carpenters, gardeners,

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and chauffeurs and other domestic staff for every menial requirement, is a lush dream of bureaucratic excess unrivaled by any proponents of our current financial unrealism of government spending. I should be interested to know who passes upon the psychiatric stability of this elite corps who make judgment on everyone else. It is true, as the accompanying report states, that in 1947 OSO did rid itself of the psychiatric incubus which had transferred to it the strangle hold gained over OSS in World War II.

6. I realize that my remarks should be interpreted with more tolerance than I am able to put into them, but I have observed too many crack-pot psychologists to be easily weaned from my belief that their ever expanding racket is a tribute to our gullibility in failing to see that "psychology is the discovery by the professors of what the rest of us know all the time." Just a few days ago I read that a learned committee, composed of a psychoanalyst, a psychosomatic doctor, a trained nurse, a family relations counsellor and several top-flight home economics experts has made the decision and recommendation that a rocking chair in the kitchen is a great help to the hard working housewife in trying to lighten her labors and keep down physical and nervous tension. However, even in ante ballus days every coal-black Aunt Chice in every open-fire-place kitchen south of the Mason-Dixon Line used a rocking chair for exactly the same reason. Q.E.D.

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