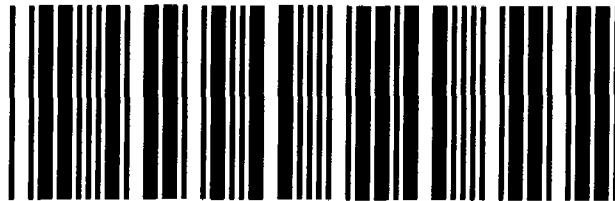


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TO : R - Mr. Cunniff

DATE: June 20, 1957

FROM : OLI - A. Sidney Buford, III

SUBJECT: Science Attaches

The A area reported to me an agreement just reached with the National Science Foundation concerning the proposed reimplementation of the Science Attache Program. Ambassador Satterthwaite plans to ask you in the near future to arrange a meeting with Mr. Robert Amory in order to report on the National Science Foundation meeting and to reach final decision on the program.

Ambassador Satterthwaite will present to you the plan that was agreed with the National Science Foundation. While I do not have a copy available I have seen the plan and have given my informal approval. It reflects in slightly more detailed fashion the scheme that was proposed to Mr. Allen Dulles in Mr. Henderson's letter of April 9 (attached). The new plan differs only in minor detail with that discussed with Mr. Amory on May 20 and contains the points that Mr. Amory seemed to think were important. I do not anticipate that CIA will have any objection to the latest version.

I would be pleased to give you an oral briefing at some convenient time in order to fill in some of the background of what has been a long and rather involved series of inter- and intra-departmental negotiations.

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TO: 2/78 - Mr. Satterthwaite  
 FROM: 1 - Hugh S. Gunning, Jr. HSG  
 SUBJECT: Science Attache Program

Returned herewith is the original copy of the "Preliminary Outline of Proposed Science Activities in the State Department" that you forwarded to us on June 20, 1957.

Mr. Robert M. Amory of CIA has read and approved the document and has retained a copy for his files.

Mr. Amory had the following observations and suggestions:

a. References to CIA should be deleted from the document, thus removing the necessity for classification. Mr. Amory will send a classified note to the Department detailing his understanding of the relationship between CIA and the Science Attache program.

b. The Science Adviser should be on duty before any public announcement of the reinstatement of the program. Embassy London should be instructed to explain to the British Foreign Office, prior to publicity, the reasons why no Science Attache is being assigned to London.

c. Consideration should be given to the early establishment of an Interagency Advisory Council, to include representatives from the National Academy of Sciences, the National Science Foundation and the CIA, to serve as an advisory body to the Science Adviser.

Mr. Amory also expressed an interest in the regional coverage assigned to the various Science Attaches. He felt, for instance, that Science Attache, Stockholm, should be accredited to Warsaw, Copenhagen, Helsinki and Oslo. Science Attache, Paris, might be accredited to Bern and Rome; Bonn might handle the low countries.

With respect

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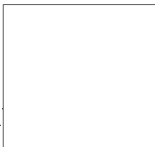
With respect to the Department's efforts to obtain a GS-15 slot for the Science Advisor, Mr. Amory noted that the Department of Commerce appeared currently to be seeking a number of additional GS-15 positions. He suggested the possibility that the Department, by informal high level request, could arrange to have one of the Commerce positions diverted to the Department.

**Attachments:**

Preliminary Outline of Proposed  
Science Activities in the State  
Department dated June 19, 1957,  
one copy.

cc: A - Mr. Carpenter

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OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT. INTELLIGENCE

R - Mr. *Cummins*

Subject: CIA Support to Department of State Science Program

I have shown the attached letter to Bob Amory from Loy Henderson to Fisher Howe. He felt that the letter was perhaps worded in such a way as to indicate an unnecessary amount of bureaucratic red tape. After discussing the matter we concluded, however, that the R area was quite right in wishing to emphasize that it serves as the normal channel between the Department and CIA. We also felt, however, that inevitably the Science Adviser would wish to discuss scientific matters directly with some of the CIA scientists and felt sure that the R area would interpose no objection. I, therefore, suggested to Fisher that I would ask you to pass this letter on to Bob Amory with a verbal statement to the effect that of course the Department sees no objection to direct contacts between the Science Adviser and CIA scientists provided due regard is had for the prescribed channels of communication.

*20 Aug 57  
Fisher Howe  
Amory  
etc.*

*JCS*  
J. C. Satterthwaite

Attachment:

Letter to Mr. Amory from Mr. Henderson and incoming file.

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*P.S. Please return to file to O/FS*

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H - Mr. Armstrong

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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I refer to our recent discussion of the science attaché program. After further careful study the Department has decided to proceed toward the early establishment of such a program.

In arriving at this decision, the Department considered the possibility of CIA financial participation in the program, as well as the cover potentialities that it might provide. The public recommendations of the Hoover Commission, normal suspicions abroad, and the fiscal and cover limitations inherent in such a small, highly-technical type of program have led us to conclude that any such arrangements would be difficult to conceal and might jeopardize the overall program. We would propose, therefore, to fund the program through the Department's budget. Nonetheless, we believe that the program we envisage will, by close cooperation between the Department, the CIA, and the National Science Foundation, go far towards meeting the general purposes of the science attaché program, including intelligence needs, both overt and covert.

Our budget plans will enable us to finance science attachés in five overseas posts in the immediate future, together with Departmental personnel in Washington for coordination purposes. These science attachés would provide normal reporting of scientific developments required by CIA and other agencies.

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While our present plans provide the assignment of only one science attaché in each of five major posts, we would contemplate the possibility of increases in connection with future budgets. As you may know, there have been no science attachés abroad for more than a year. Moreover, the coverage that we propose is, in fact, broader than that provided in the science attaché program for the past several years. It is our view, therefore, and I would hope that you share it, that our plans provide a sufficient start for the year ahead.

In short,

The Honorable  
Ellen W. Sullivan, Director,  
Central Intelligence Agency.

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In short, we propose to establish science attache posts in, say, [redacted] arrangements will be made to enable these attaches to cover other countries to the maximum extent feasible. To supplement their efforts, we would expect to explore further with CIA, the National Science Foundation and others to ascertain their scientific reporting requirements and the extent to which regular Foreign Service personnel at other posts can fulfill many of these requirements. (We think, for instance, that information such as expenditures of foreign governments for scientific research can normally be acquired by non-scientists.)

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The Department will provide in Washington a senior officer and an assistant to guide the science program overseas and to consult and cooperate with other agencies. We would wish to seek the advice of CIA, the National Science Foundation and other interested parties in the selection of science attaches and in the management of the scientific reporting program. The National Science Foundation, in consultation with the Department, would be free to send scientists abroad to attend scientific conferences or to carry out other specific short term projects.

Finally, the Department would plan to consult with CIA and other interested agencies as to the need for additional scientific attaches in connection with our preparation of future budgets.

I would very much appreciate it if you would designate someone to explore on your behalf the feasibility of the above proposals in relation to CIA's needs, both overt and clandestine. Assistant Secretary I. W. Carpenter, Jr., has been designated by me to follow through on the general development and implementation of the science attache program. Mr. Park Armstrong will be in touch with your designee to arrange further discussions with the Department.

We plan, of course, to discuss with the National Science Foundation the specifics of the program proposed above, but before so doing would like to reach agreement with CIA.

Sincerely yours,

LOY W. HENDERSON

Loy W. Henderson  
Deputy Under Secretary  
for Administration.

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March 29, 1957.

R - Mr. Armstrong  
cc: OLI - Mr. Buford

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