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TO : Op-321K (Attn: LCDR Bienvenu)

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FROM : Op-322H2B

SUBJECT: Clearance for CIA agents to interview employees of firms holding classified Navy contracts

1. At the NSCID #7 meeting on 14 June 1950, Mr. Kirkpatrick, CIA (OOD), requested that the Navy set up a simple standard clearance procedure which would enable CIA field agents to contact, for the purpose of obtaining foreign intelligence, employees of firms which hold classified Navy contracts. At present, in such cases, CIA agents apparently have difficulty in gaining access to employees who have returned from abroad because of the manufacturer's reluctance to grant permission without prior Navy clearance. CIA is not concerned with the classified contracts but is interested in the foreign intelligence that the employees returning from abroad may possess.
2. A simple procedure is desired whereby the cognizant Naval authority would inform firms holding classified contracts that CIA agents, upon presentation of proper credentials, are authorized to have access to employees who have returned recently from abroad.
3. A similar request was made of the Army. The Air Force already has an established procedure for such cases.

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