24 October 1946

SUBJECT: Supplies and Equipment for the Central Intelligence Group

TO: Commanding Generals,
Army Air Forces
Army Ground Forces
Commander-in-Chief,
Army Forces, Pacific
Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations
Caribbean Defense Command
Alaskan Department
Arms (ZI)
Military District of Washington
Ports of Embarkation
Independent Commands under the War Department
Commanding Officer,
New Orleans Port of Embarkation
Chiefs of Technical Services

1. Authority. War Department agencies and individuals will lend every possible assistance in connection with the furnishing of supplies, equipment, and/or services, on a reimbursable basis under the provisions of paragraph 1, AR 35-900 to the Central Intelligence Group and its representatives. Supply instructions contained in OUPAD TAU 81708, 24 September 1946, are rescinded and the procedure set forth in this letter will govern the furnishing of supplies, equipment, and/or services to the Central Intelligence Group.

2. Procurement. The Director, Central Intelligence Group, or his authorized representative may procure supplies, equipment and/or services from the Army Air Forces, the Army Technical Services, or any other War Department Agency in accordance with the procedure as set forth below.


a. Within the Zone of Interior: Issue of standard or non-standard items of equipment available from the Army Air Forces and the Technical Services will be effected by appropriate requisition in the manner prescribed by the War Department activity concerned. Programming of future requirements will not be required except in such instances where, by agreement between the Central Intelligence Group and a War Department activity, programming will be requested for certain classes of equipment.

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b. Overseas:

(1) Commanding Generals of (existing) Theaters of Operations, Overseas Departments, and separate Overseas Commands are authorized to issue or furnish all classes of supplies, equipment and/or services which are required by the Central Intelligence Group overseas missions or personnel within the boundaries of their command upon proper requisition signed by an authorized representative of that agency.

(2) Supplies and equipment issued to a Central Intelligence Group mission will be replaced upon proper requisition by the Theater, Overseas Departments, and separate Overseas Commands through existing channels when replacement is necessary or desirable, in which case reference to the original procurement document submitted by the Central Intelligence Group overseas mission must be made. Cover sheets for requisitions will be classified as "SECRET" where any mention is made of Central Intelligence Group and its related activities, and these requisitions will be handled in accordance with instructions issued in conformity to the provisions of paragraph 5 below.

4. Reimbursement. a. Reimbursement for supplies, equipment, and/or services furnished Central Intelligence Group will be effected in accordance with Chapter 6, TA 14-702. For this purpose the Central Intelligence Group will be classed as an independent agency of the Government. In view of the especial nature of employment of Central Intelligence Group personnel, every effort will be made to minimize the amount of paper work required of them to obtain equipment, supplies, and/or services. Upon the issue of supplies and/or equipment to the members of the Central Intelligence Group, no further accountability as to re-issue shall be required, and inspection of records will not be instituted to determine the use being made of each supplies and equipment.

b. In order that Army appropriations may be properly reimbursed for supplies issued to Central Intelligence Group personnel, Commanders concerned will consolidate receipts by Technical Service for items issued or services performed at the Theater, Army Zone of Interior, or Air Forces Headquarters level. Consolidated receipts will be forwarded quarterly beginning 31 December 1946, to the Chief of Finance, Washington 25, D. C. for collection. The Chief of Finance, in turn, will take necessary action to effect reimbursement from the Central Intelligence Group.

5. Security. Commanders concerned will classify as "SECRET" records and other papers pertaining to issue of supplies, equipment, and/or services to the Central Intelligence group, and specifically
mentioning this group or its related activities. Commanders concerned shall take such other precautions deemed advisable to shield the identity of the Central Intelligence Group's mission, personnel, and objectives.

6. In all instances of requisitioning by the Central Intelligence Group within the Zone of Interior, within an active Theater of Operation, within an Overseas Department, or within a separate Overseas Command, this letter will be considered as the basic authority for such issue, and no other authority shall be requested or required.

7. The above instructions do not alter the instructions contained in MARX 81735 to Commanding General, Nanking Headquarters Command, Nanking, China, 27 September 1946.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

/S/ EDWARD F. MITSELL

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Major General
The Adjutant General

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