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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director - Comptroller

SUBJECT: CIA Participation in Army Research Office's Program of External Research

REFERENCES: (a) Letter to Vice Admiral William F. Raborn from Harold Brown dated 28 July 1965 65-4321
(b) Letter to General William W. Dick, Jr., from L. K. White, dated 13 August 1965 65-4321/A
(c) Memo for the Record from [redacted], dated 20 August 1965, Subject: Visit to General Dick in response to Mr. Harold Brown's letter of 28 July to Admiral Raborn 65-4827

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1. Paragraph 4 of this memorandum contains a recommendation.

2. Background and Recapitulation:

a. By letter to Admiral Raborn (reference A), Mr. Harold Brown invited CIA to participate in the planning and management of the DoD's social science external research program in support of counter-insurgency by assigning an officer full time to the Army Research Office of Army R & D, where the DoD intended to establish a central office for government coordination.

b. In response to Mr. Brown's letter, the Executive Director sent Messrs [redacted] to General Dick's office (references B and C), where they were briefed by Col. Clement on the Army's plans. As of that date, however, these plans were already overtaken and upset by the

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Army review(s) completed.

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adverse publicity and ensuing controversy aroused by project [redacted] Under the circumstances Col. Clement could not define CIA's participation in a manner specific enough to warrant action. 25X1

c. In September, the Director of Defense Research and Engineering requested that Army R & D submit a new research plan to be oriented towards problems virtually unique to the requirements of the military, thereby obviating projects like [redacted] directed at the fundamental social and political problems in developing countries. 25X1

d. In October, at the Army Research Conference at Fort Bragg, Col. Bennett and Dr. Karcher of the Army Research Office gave [redacted] Dr. Karcher's draft of the Army's new plan (attached) and renewed conversation, informally, concerning CIA participation. Inasmuch as the new plan concentrated on problems of the U.S. military abroad in a way which promised to be of greater interest to the DDP than to the DDI, an office such as SoD/DDP seemed the appropriate one in CIA for liaison with or representation in the ARO, if and when the ARO got underway. 25X1

e. In mid October, Drs. Deitchman and Wallace of Defense R & E reviewed the revised plan and accepted it in principle as a part one only. They asked for a part two which would deal with the fundamental social and political problems of developing countries, thereby returning Army planning to the controversial area of [redacted] and this at a time when State and Defense were in prolonged and difficult negotiations over procedures pursuant to the Presidential Directive to the Secretary of State concerning policy clearance of external research in social sciences on foreign areas. 25X1

f. As of 22 November when Dr. Karcher took part in the Army R & D briefing of Admiral Raborn, part two was nearing completion in draft. Dr. Karcher isformed [redacted], without enthusiasm, that part two provided for 51 potential projects in the sensitive area at issue between State and Defense. The combined plan has not yet gone outside the Department of Army. 25X1

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g. Meanwhile, the Department of State's new chairman of the Foreign Area Research Coordination Group, Mr. George Denny, Jr. has proposed the establishment of an FAR Subcommittee on Counterinsurgency as the interagency mechanism for coordination and has tried to enlist DoD's cooperation by inviting Dr. Deitchman to take the chair of the Subcommittee. At a preliminary meeting on 19 November, Dr. Deitchman reluctantly agreed. (Deitchman and the Army Research Office would prefer that coordination of their external research program and projects be effected through a permanent staff of officers from CIA, State, USIA, AID, and the military services assigned full time to the Army Research Office.) Deitchman asked that action on the proposed Subcommittee be suspended until General Taylor's review of U.S. efforts in Counterinsurgency is completed and the General's findings are known. (Due approximately 1 January.) As the CIA member of FAR, [redacted] supported George Denny's proposal. (State has the impression that General Taylor favors an FAR Subcommittee for interagency coordination of external research/counterinsurgency.) Needless to say, the military's external research in social and political problems will remain for some time a sensitive area in State - Defense relations.

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3. In view of the uncertainties affecting the Army's research plan and these in turn in relation to the Department of State, it does not seem prudent to detail an officer to ARO for duty at this time. On the other hand, it is our understanding that some of the proposed research projects discussed by Dr. Karcher in his briefing on 22 November may well be of potential value to the DDP. The Army is the executive agency responsible in the DoD for social science research and the Army research program will undoubtedly continue, however modified in emphasis and scope.

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4. In the interest of economy as well as of cooperation with both State and Defense in the troubled area of external research, post [redacted] it is recommended that, subject to DDP concurrence, an officer of [redacted] initiate close liaison with ARO and that this officer serve as the CIA member of the FAE Subcommittee on Counterinsurgency, if and when the Subcommittee is established. The question of permanent representation within ARO should be kept open pending more definitive developments in Army research. 25X1 25X1

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Attachment:
As Stated Above

CONCUR:

Deputy Director for Plans — Date

Recommendations in para. 4 APPROVED:

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