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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Maxwell D. Taylor,
Chairman, Special Group

FROM: Richard H. Davis, Chairman
Special Working Group

SUBJECT: Fifth Berlin Progress Report

In view of the elapse of time since the Special Group approved the courses of covert action to support United States actions related to Berlin, I consider it appropriate to submit a brief statement of the status of the projects. The Special Working Group of the Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee on Berlin has no new decisions to report since those in the fourth progress report.

1. A special operations unit, established last fall for the purpose, has contingency agents now undergoing training. Six are expected to be trained by the end of May and nine in July. By September it is expected that between 15 and 20 will have been trained at which point the operation will become a reserve-type program with no increase in the number of agents but rather periodic additional and refresher training for those already recruited.

2. A black broadcasting facility consisting of one short-wave and one medium-wave transmitter has been acquired and is being installed. A ballooning facility has been acquired and is being maintained on a stand-by basis. A writing workshop has been established to provide scripts for the broadcasting facility and leaflets and similar material for ballooning.

3. A bona fide U.S. foundation in the publishing field has agreed to act as a funding channel to the Academy for Journalists from Lesser Developed Areas which is being organized in Berlin.

4. Arrangements have been initiated with the AFL/CIO to cooperate with the German Federation of Labor Unions in establishing an academy in Berlin for the training of labor leaders from the lesser developed areas.

cc: Mr. Johnson
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