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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Berlin Intelligence Activities (U)

1. Reference is made to the Central Intelligence Agency memorandum, dated 20 August 1959, subject: "Berlin Intelligence Activities". The Joint Chiefs of Staff are pleased to support you in carrying out your mission with respect to Berlin. In some instances, the methods to be utilized in accomplishing your suggestions are not in exact accord with your proposal since it is essential to use existing command channels to effect the results desired by the President. Further, it is understood that intelligence activities conducted under the provisions of NSCID No. 6 do not fall within those collection activities being considered.

2. Accordingly, the Joint Chiefs of Staff have directed the USCINCEUR to take the necessary measures to bring about a more effective coordination of military intelligence activities with those of CIA in the USCINCEUR area of responsibility.

3. With respect to the coordination of overt intelligence in Berlin, the Joint Chiefs of Staff concur that the existing Intelligence Coordinating Committee, Berlin (ICCB), should be formalized under the U.S. Commander, Berlin (USCOB). However, the selection of a chairman for the ICCB is the prerogative of the USCOB. USCINCEUR has been informed of your offer to make the senior CIA representative in Berlin available for this purpose. In addition, USCINCEUR has been directed to insure that USCINCEUR and USCOB plans are coordinated with your senior representatives in West Germany and Berlin, respectively.

4. With respect to the coordination of clandestine activities in Berlin, it is the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that, although operational coordination on a need-to-know basis between each of the military collection agency chiefs and the senior CIA representative in Berlin is desirable and essential, the highest practicable level should be utilized for over-all

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coordination purposes in order that requirements, policy and operational matters may receive simultaneous coordination, thus effecting a minimum of duplication and overlap. It would appear that the ICCG would provide an adequate and appropriate mechanism, at the proper level, to bring about such coordination since each of the members of that committee directly supervises his respective intelligence agency in Berlin. Although the USCINCEUR now participates only as an observer on the ICCG, it has been suggested that he consider the ICCG as the proper mechanism to carry out his responsibilities in this regard.

5. The Joint Chiefs of Staff are in complete accord with your proposal concerning Marienfelde and have directed the USCINCEUR to take necessary steps to ensure that USCOB include in his plans for the coordination of overt intelligence activities in Berlin provisions for the conduct of activities in Marienfelde in consonance with your views.

6. A copy of the message dispatched to USCINCEUR on *22 September* 1959 is attached for your information.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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