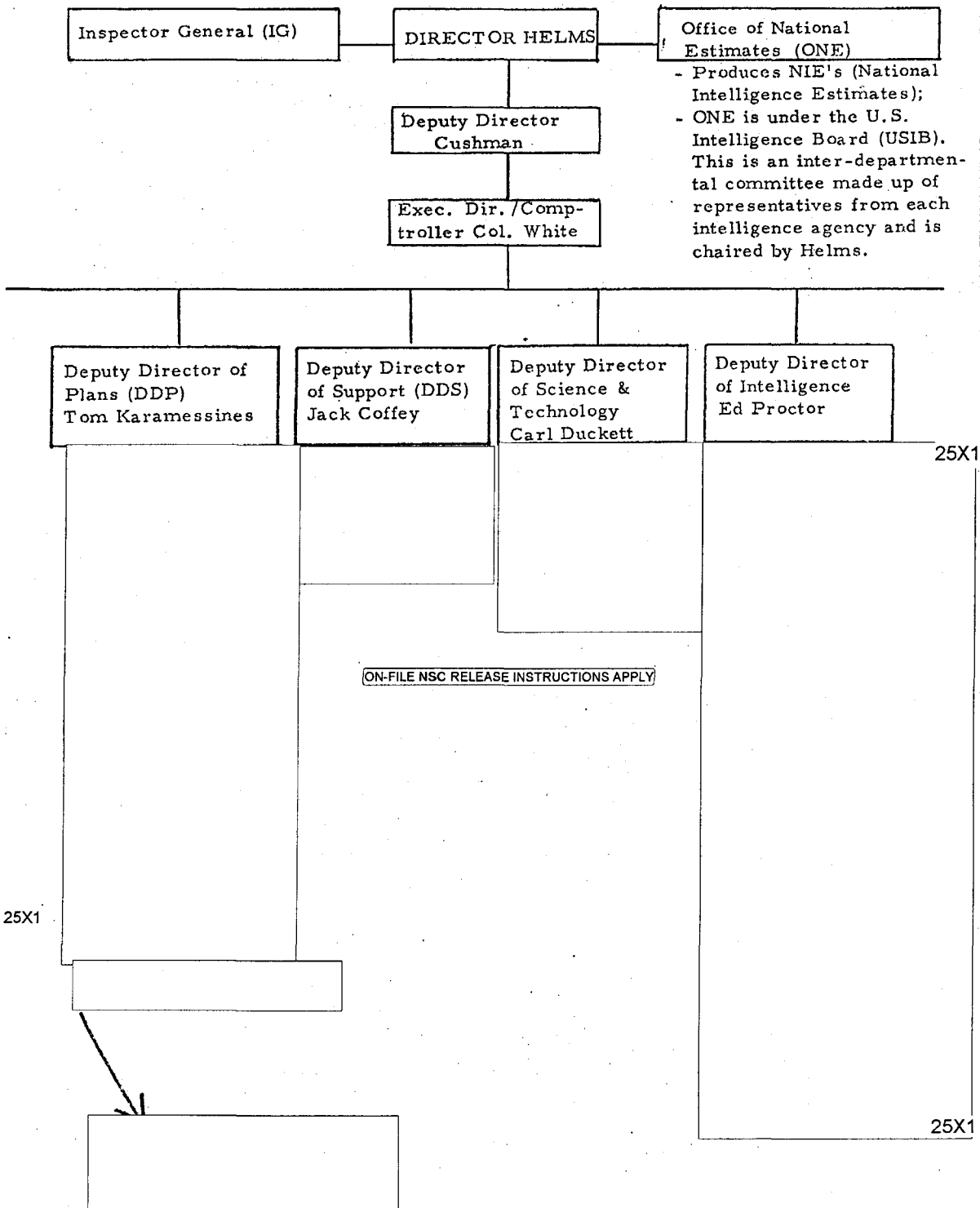


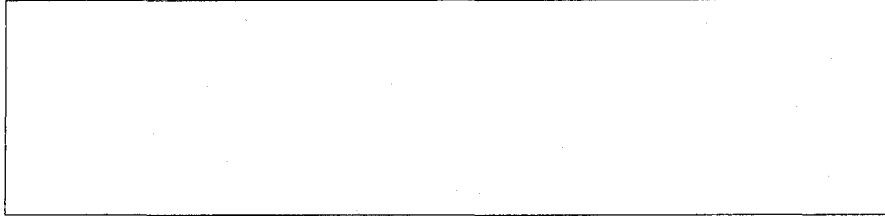
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CIA SET-UP

I. CIA Organizational Set-Up

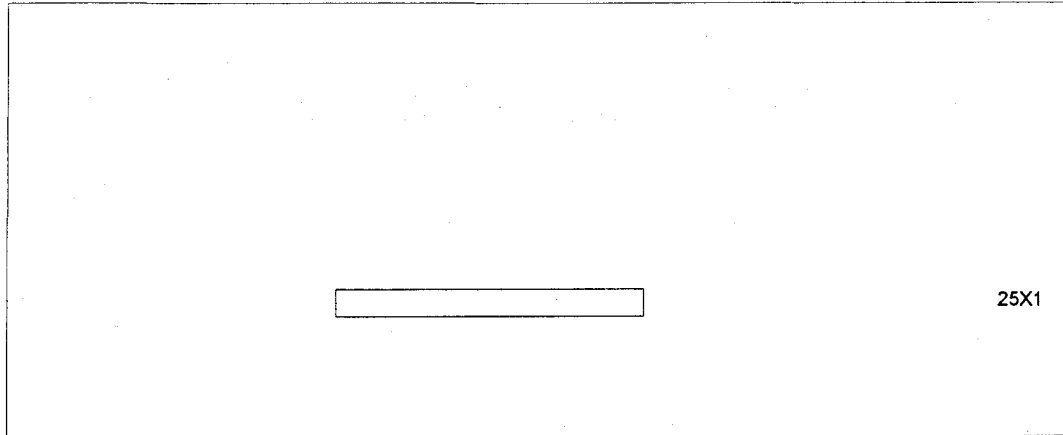


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III. Filing.

It is the judgment of each CIA man that I talked to that next to nothing is thrown away at CIA. A copy of anything that comes out as finished intelligence is kept. There are definitely files containing every report, bulletin, survey, etc. that is published by the Office of Current Intelligence (OCI). This would also seem to be the case with all cables, back channel and regular. Cross division memoranda are also kept and the only instance in which there may not be copies on file is with internal subdivision memoranda. In brief, all finished intelligence should be available.

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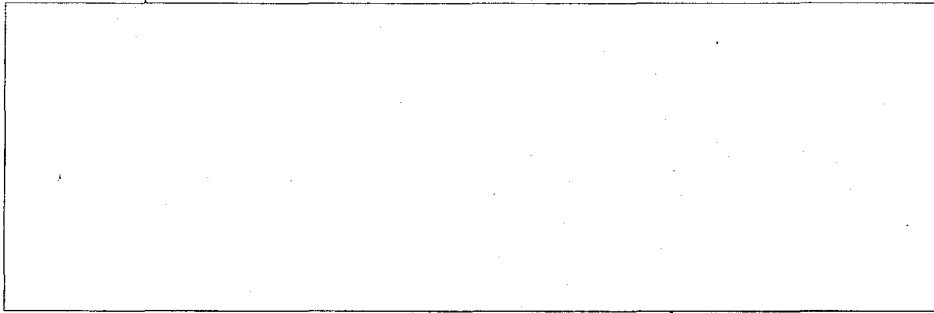
IV. Personnel.

After John McCone, the Director was Admiral Rayburn and Helms was his Deputy. When Rayburn left, Helms was moved up.

Bay of Pigs

The Deputy Director of Plans was Bissell who took the responsibility for the Bay of Pigs fiasco, and when he was moved out as a result, Helms was made Deputy Director of Plans. During the actual invasion, however, Helms was Chief of Operations under Bissell but apparently was not implicated in the failure because it was run by para-military staff of the DDP.

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V. Positioning.

Our net objective is to get all materials relating to the Diem Coup in 1963, and the Cuban crises (Bay of Pigs & Missiles). In this connection we may cite:

(1) Our announced intention to move ahead with the declassification of documents surrounding particular crises (Korea, Lebanon and Cuba) which provides the grounds for reviewing these materials. What's the best way? Rehnquist Committee? New committee?

(2) The President's statement to the press last week indicating the need for us to review the coup period materials.

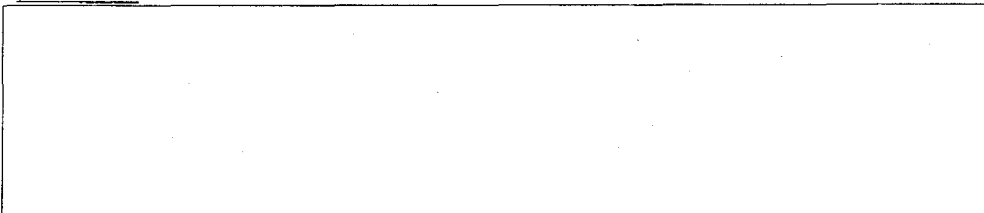
(3) The President's obvious right to see any and all CIA materials without giving any reason.

In order to extract these without a confrontation, it will be necessary to avoid giving Helms any grounds for saying that we are trying to use the CIA for political purposes. My sense is that Helms, having been around the bureaucracy for some time, may be a tough in-fighter when push comes to shove.

Helms' power base is first the White House and secondly the Congress. In the former he relies quite heavily on Kissinger and ~~is~~^{is}, therefore, imperative that we line up Kissinger before we confront Helms and Helms gets to him. As far as Congress goes, Helms' support would probably come from the likes of Jackson, Stennis, Margaret Chase Smith, Fulbright, Symington, Kennedy, McGovern, etc. and of course all Armed Services Committee members in both Houses.

We also must gauge the probability of there being considerable press in favor of Helms if he should be fired and claim that we tried to use the Agency for political ends.

Addendum



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The National Security Act of 1947 provides "that the Director of the CIA shall be responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure."