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MACSOG DOCUMENTATION STUDY (U)

APPENDIX A

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2. (●) Basic Agreements Between DOD and CIA

The Study sets forth the basic agreements between DOD and CIA for the planning and conduct of covert/PM operations during the pre-MACSOC period. In particular, these agreements cover such matters as logistical support, and command and operational arrangements both during peace and war.

3. (●) DOD Support of CIA (Covert/PM Operations)

In this subject area, the Study outlines chronologically the main support by DOD to CIA in the field of covert/PM operations during the pre-MACSOC period. This support is related to the basic agreements between DOD and CIA, referred to in the preceding paragraph. In this regard, DOD and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in various directives, set forth a multitude of military responsibilities in the field of covert/PM operations during both peace and war. These responsibilities cover such matters as the provision by the DOD of materiel and personnel support to the CIA and the establishment within DOD of a point of contact which would enable the coordination of DOD support to CIA. In addition, this portion of the Study details the progressive assumption by DOD of certain CIA responsibilities in the field of covert/PM operations. Since the subject of intelligence was of particular importance, DOD also prescribed DIA's functional responsibilities in this area and that agency's relationship to SACSA and CIA.

4. (●) DOD Organization for Covert/PM Actions

a. This section traces the evolution within DOD of the major organizational arrangements for handling covert/PM

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