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4 Government-sponsored foreign affairs research.

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In a letter to the Secretary of State dated August 2, 1965, the President expressed his determination that "no Government sponsorship of foreign area research should be undertaken which in the judgment of the Secretary of State would adversely affect United States foreign relations." The President went on to request the Secretary to establish review procedures for assuring the propriety of Government sponsorship of research that focuses upon foreign areas or peoples.

Those procedures have now been formulated. They include the designation by each Government agency of a clearance point to be responsible for reviewing projects supported by that agency, and for determining when clearance for such a project must be obtained from the State Department. The Office of Legal Counsel has been designated as the clearance point for all bureaus, offices and divisions within the Department of Justice.

The review procedures established by the Department of State apply to all Government-sponsored foreign affairs research, which is defined as "research programs and studies in the social and behavioral sciences dealing with international relations, or with foreign areas and peoples, whether conducted in the United States or abroad, which are supported by contracts or grants awarded by agencies of the United States." Such research may or may not involve contact with foreign nationals or officials. In-house research is excluded from this

definition. But contract research programs carried out through field offices of agencies, grants to academic institutions for general purposes related to foreign affairs research, and Government-sponsored conferences or consortia with foreign nationals dealing with questions of research, are all included.

If any office, bureau or division within the Department of Justice is now supporting, or contemplates supporting at any time henceforth, one or more foreign affairs research projects as defined above, we should appreciate being so informed. In this connection it would be helpful to receive the following particulars:

- 1) Title of project or program and brief description of its nature and purpose.
- 2) Contractor, estimated costs and principal researchers.
- 3) Names and positions of researchers, indication of time of proposed field work, and types of contact involved with foreign nationals.
- 4) Extent to which discussion with a U.S. diplomatic mission has already been held in the formulation of the project proposal.
- 5) Classification of project and proposed disposition of reports.