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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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Personnel Officer

FROM: Assistant Deputy/Inspection and Security

SUBJECT: Security Precautions for Agency Employees Receiving
Medical Treatment Involving Anesthesia Drugs

1. A serious security problem is concerned in allowing Agency employees in possession of classified information to be subject to medical treatment involving the application of anesthesia or drugs by alien doctors. This problem is particularly grave for employees stationed overseas and if of some concern in the United States. The application of drugs in any form and the possibilities of speech inducing affects is a situation of serious concern.

2. The Soviets appear to be fully aware of such possibilities. Incidents tend to confirm this conclusion in that Soviet officials requiring emergency medical treatment are always accompanied by another Soviet official. It is also a general practice for Soviet officials and even national Communist Party officials to travel to Moscow for medical attention. The defensive precautions by the Soviets would indicate that they have knowledge of a means of extracting information from unwilling or unwitting subjects.

3. It is recommended that for the security protection of our information, operations and employees, instructions be issued to all Agency overseas personnel setting forth the conditions under which they may receive overseas medical treatment and make provision for their return to the United States in those cases where they must undergo surgery or major medical treatment. It is recommended that instructions be issued providing for this security protection and based on the following conditions.

a. In any case where an Agency employee must submit to surgery or extensive medical treatment and where no U. S. medical facilities are available overseas for such treatment, that Headquarters be notified and with the concurrence of the CIA Medical Officer the employee be returned to the United States at CIA expense for the necessary medical treatment.

b. In cases where employees require minor medical treatment the following should be required.

(1) If available use of U. S. overseas medical facilities.

(2) If (1) is not available, use of an alien doctor is permitted but only when accompanied by a member of the family or by another U. S. employee.

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(3) If (2) is not feasible or practicable for security or operational purposes, arrangements should be made to transport the employee to the nearest U. S. medical facility for treatment. It is possible that arrangements could be made whereby U. S. military hospitals in _____ could serve for personnel stationed in _____ and military and naval hospitals in _____ and _____ could serve for personnel stationed in _____ and _____ appropriate arrangements could be made for personnel stationed in _____

c. In cases of accidents or emergencies where immediate medical attention must be rendered by alien doctors, a member of the family or a member of the staff should accompany the employee and remain with the employee during the hospital or medical treatment.

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d. Since a great number of our personnel serve under _____ cover, a similar program of this nature should be suggested to _____ both for the protection and cover of our employees and for the protection of key _____ officers, many of whom have a considerable knowledge of our operation.

e. This problem is one of greatest importance to _____ and _____ areas but still remains one of some importance in the _____ areas. Medical problems and the treatment of personnel in the latter two areas could be considered on a calculated risk basis.

4. It is recommended that this problem be considered with a view to the issuance of appropriate instructions to meet the security hazards set forth above.

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