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Categories of NSA Specialties

TO: S/ASST

FROM: PERS 27 May 54

Comment no. 1

TO: PERSFROM: S/ASST (Mr. Friedman) 24 June 54 Comment #2
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1. The first paragraph of the reference cited in Comment No. 1 specifically relates the project of listing the various specialties of interest to NSA and the personnel to fill those specialties with the NSA Emergency War Plan and the NSA Disaster Plan.

2. PERS distributed a preliminary list of categories as an inclosure to a D/F dated 22 December 1953. In commenting on that list (D/F dated 11 January 1954), it was suggested that:

"(a) The next group who meet to discuss this problem include personnel who are familiar with the over-all NSA mission and the Agency's War and Disaster Plans.

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"(b) The suggested list be expanded into a more complete list of critical NSA functions and that it be made more specific so that ultimately the names of personnel can be inserted into the list down to the level required for the successful execution of the Agency's War and Disaster Plans."

3. Upon receipt of the revised "Categories of NSA Specialties" as an inclosure to your D/F of 27 May 1954, NSA's Emergency War and Disaster Plans were reviewed and a comparison was made between the basic tasks enumerated in each plan and the listed categories of NSA specialties. This comparison reveals that it would be difficult to carry out either plan utilizing only the categories of specialties listed. It is my thought that the "Categories of NSA Specialties" paper should be drawn up with careful regard to the NSA Emergency War Plan and the NSA Disaster Plan, since the value of a detailed breakdown of NSA specialties and/or personnel is in its ability to help NSA perform its mission as well and as completely as possible under emergency, war, or disaster conditions.

4. It is with some regret, therefore, that I am not able to accept the present version of the "Categories of NSA Specialties", and recommend a further revision to make the document better reflect the purpose behind its production.

5. If such revision is undertaken, I will be glad to assist in whatever way possible.

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