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Ms. Laura Denk, Esq.
Executive Director
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600 E Street, N.W. 2nd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Ms. Denk:

(C) Re: ARRB Request No. CIA-10, for Information
on the Interagency Source Register (ISR)

(U) The following is responsive to referent request.

(C) The ISR is simply a device whereby agencies within the intelligence community which recruit or deal with sources of foreign positive intelligence outside the United States try to keep from bumping into each other in the pursuit of such information. It is for the further purpose of ensuring a source cannot gain an unwarranted advantage by dealing with more than one agency. Each agency is responsible for registering an individual as a source with the ISR before using the individual.

(C) The ISR was established in 1957 by the Intelligence Advisory Committee, predecessor to the U.S. Intelligence Board. The ISR was not used extensively during the years 1958-1965 and we know of no system or procedure which took its place.

(C) The first ISR regulations were in the form of basic procedures each agency was to follow, procedures which have gone through a number of reiterations. ARRB staff members have reviewed the classified, current written instruction governing the existence and use of the ISR.

(U) I believe that this information is fully responsive to your request on the ISR and accordingly, completes our work on CIA-10.

Sincerely,

J. Barry Harrelson

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