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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SA Division

ATTENTION: Mr. Howard Osborne, Deputy Chief
Room 2052 "A" Building

FROM: Acting Director of Security

SUBJECT: Basic Proposal to Cover Field Assessment
of Potential RUSKIN Agent Candidates
#90682

1. Reference is made to the memorandum from the Deputy Chief, SA Division for the Chief, Central Cover Group, dated 3 February 1961, and to subsequent conversations relating thereto between the undersigned and Mr. Fielder Dudley, of SA/IC.

2. As will be noted, the undersigned concurred in the referenced proposal on 6 February 1961. At that time it was recommended that after it has been determined that the basic proposal is feasible the initial assessment, which is to be performed by the I&A Staff, CIA, be conducted by other than senior staff psychologists who are and have been overtly associated with this Agency. As an alternative, it was suggested that this assessment be accomplished by junior psychologists on a full-time basis and that these psychologists represent themselves and be properly backstopped in true name with the (Psychological Assessment Associates).²⁰ In addition to obviating the possibility of embarrassment to the Agency, this will preclude the necessity of utilization of (aliases) by overt staff personnel who are conducting such screening.²⁴ It would also appear that this suggestion would help protect the cover agent involved from being associated with this Agency.

3. Please contact the undersigned if you have any question concerning this matter.

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