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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT: OXCART/BLACK SHIELD: OSA Personnel
and Budgetary Augmentation,
Fiscal Year 1966

1. This memorandum provides the general information necessary to support an Agency request to the Bureau of the Budget for a release from the Reserve to support BLACK SHIELD within Fiscal Year 1966.

2. You will recall several conferences between Mr. John A. McCone and Secretary of Defense McNamara and Deputy Secretary of Defense Vance and subsequent exchanges of correspondence in March 1965 wherein it was agreed that CIA should accomplish preparatory steps necessary to the operation of Project OXCART over Communist China from a base on Okinawa. Subsequently, the concept and implementing details were reviewed and ratified in conversation and correspondence between the Director and Mr. Vance in June 1965.

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3. Consistent with the 303 Committee decision in December 1965, OSA has achieved a posture to deploy and to launch an aircraft over China within twenty-one days of a decision to execute an operational mission. To maintain this posture and to comply with the further injunction to maintain a concurrent mission capability [Redacted] augmentation of OSA personnel and funds for equipment requirements is required.

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5. The attached schedule summarizes additional fund requirements [Redacted] needed by OSA for use in FY 1966 in direct support of BLACK SHIELD.

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ALBERT D. WHEELON
Deputy Director
for
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