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September 13, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL J. D. ALGER, USA  
MAJOR GENERAL J. W. CARPENTER, III, USAF  
(AFXPDRC)

SUBJECT: Cover Story for the Eglin Air Force Base Covert  
Training Facility

Reference: CIA Memo, subject as above, dated 10 Sep 63

Attached is a CIA request for DOD approval of a proposed  
cover backstop and cover release story to be utilized in conjunction  
with CIA use of Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

The proposed backstop and cover story have been informally  
coordinated with this office and Army and Air Force action officers  
and reflect the views of each.

Request comments on which to base a reply by the close of  
business 17 September 1963.

Signed

— Joseph A. Califano, Jr.

Joseph A. Califano, Jr.  
General Counsel

Attachment  
As Stated

Mr. Califano  
Lt Col Haig  
ASG

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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

10 September 1963

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Office of the Secretary of the Army  
(Mr. Califano)

**SUBJECT :** Cover Story for the Eglin Air Force Base  
Covert Training Facility

**REFERENCE :** CIA Memo, Dated 18 June 1963, Subject:  
Request for Authority to Use Area in  
Eglin Air Force Base for Covert Training  
of Cuban Nationals

1. It is requested that authority be granted to use the Commanding Officer, US Army Ranger Training Camp, USAIS, Eglin AFB, Florida, as the cover backstop of the training project, in referenced memorandum, and the personnel assigned this project. The following are salient points in the cover story:

a. Military personnel assigned to this project will be placed on TDY to the US Army Element, Special Activities Group (7754), Washington, D.C., and further detached for duty to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. They will be attached to the Commanding Officer, US Army Ranger Training Camp, USAIS, Eglin AFB, Florida, for quarters and rations.

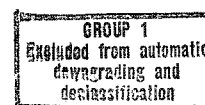
b. Agency civilian personnel permanently assigned this project will be assigned to the US Army Technical Training Advisory Group (7764), Washington, D.C., with duty station, Eglin AFB, Florida. The Agency Chief of Base will be designated as Staff Coordinator and will be responsible for the direction of this project. They will also be attached to the CO, Ranger Camp, for quarters and rations.

c. Agency civilian personnel proceeding on TDY will use the aforementioned US Army Technical Training Advisory Group as their cover.

2. Authorized cover release story for the Commanding General, Eglin AFB, is that he has been directed by Headquarters, USAF, to

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provide the Area for training, test and evaluation of survival equipment and techniques. He is not authorized to make further comment, and if a further statement is required of the Air Force, this must come from Headquarters, USAF. It is suggested that upon external inquiry Headquarters, Department of the Air Force, decline any comment on the subject until the degree of inquiry may be determined and a suitable reply be jointly prepared with this Agency.

3. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated by this Agency.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANS:

JAMES W. FRANKLIN

GERALD E. MILLER

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