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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. The undersigned and Messrs Winkler and Fisher of T54 visited the George C. Marshall Research Library on the campus of VMI at Lexington, Virginia during the period 27-28 October 1981. During the visit we had discussions with Dr. Fred Hadsel, Director of the Library; Dr. Royster Lyle, Curator of Collections; and Mr. John Jacob, Archivist.

2. The trip had three primary purposes: first, an orientation visit; second, a review of the classified holdings of the William Friedman Collection; and last, a look at the security posture of the library.

3. The visit was most cordial and we were well received by Dr. Hadsel and his staff. The Friedman Collection had been given to the library by the Friedman's in the late 1960's, but was not opened to researchers until 1978. The collection is the entire library of Col & Mrs. Friedman and includes several thousand volumes, some pictures, and devices. The collection is housed in a locked upstairs room off the library stacks area. The classified elements of the collection are in a locked cabinet or in their alarmed vault. The vault also contains the classified portion of the Marshall and Gen Lucius D. Clay collections.

4. The vault was certified by the U.S. Army in 1968 and there is no evidence of any subsequent visits by the Army since that date. Staff members are cleared at the SECRET level, except Forrest Pogue, Marshall's biographer, who is cleared TOP SECRET. All are cleared by the Army. Clearance status is certified twice a year with the most recent being in 1981. While the physical protection afforded by the vault is adequate, security procedures are weak. This I believe is primarily from a lack of knowledge by the staff of good security procedures and not because of an unprofessional attitude. The U.S. Army as the certifying agent has a responsibility to provide security training and support to the library. I have contacted the Army to alert them to the needs of the library and staff.

5. The entire classified holdings consist of two drawers in a locked file cabinet within the vault. I suggested that these be kept in the three-position combination safe also in the vault. There are about ten SECRET, TOP SECRET and SI documents, the remainder are CONFIDENTIAL. Messrs Winkler and Fisher reviewed the entire Friedman collection and declassified many CONFIDENTIAL and Restricted documents. The classified portion of the Friedman Collection is now less than one file drawer. We have offered to provide sanitized copies of some of the documents to them.

6. Under an arrangement with NARS, the Marshall Research Library sent some classified documents to the Archives for holding until they were declassified. NARS can no longer offer this service. We have

offered the same arrangement for their classified cryptologic materials. They have not responded to this proposition at yet. However, as management seemed to desire to reduce the classified documents they had on hand, I believe they will accept it.

7. Dr. Hadsel, the Director, was quite enthusiastic about the Friedman collection and spoke of his plans for it. They would like to upgrade the setting for the collection by renovating the room that houses it. This would involve a complete redecoration effort. Dr. Hadsel proposed cooperation with the Agency to enhance the collection, as appropriate. He specifically would like a bust of Col Friedman, like the one outside the Friedman Auditorium. The issues are being staffed. They are proud of the Friedman collection and appear to have managed it responsibly.



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