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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MAZZA

SUBJECT: Elimination of Codeword - ARGON

The attached paper concerns me because of the fact that many of the people who have an "A" clearance do not have a "C" clearance. I suspect that if the proposal to combine these clearances were put into practice tomorrow, we would be forced to clear many persons, most of whom - ironically enough - will require debriefing later in the summer.

I believe we need answers to the following questions:

1. Will the "A" program be continued? If not, when will it terminate?
2. How many people have an "A" and not a "C" clearance?
3. Assuming a decision to cancel ARGON is made, what is the optimum date for "A" clearance cancellation?

I believe Lt Colonel Howard's reaction is essential to your final decision on this matter.

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