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MEMORANDUM FOR SAF/SS

SUBJECT: General Bradburn's Letter on Ethics

Dr. McLucas was very pleased with General Bradburn's actions as outlined in the message on ethics. He noted that General Bradburn was concerned about the problem, and Dr. McLucas was "glad to see" this concern. Dr. McLucas read the message verbatim to his Execs and Mr. Stempler, and went into a lengthy discussion concerning the implications of the message.

Dr. McLucas questioned whether the first sentence of paragraph 2.C. was really true. He and Mr. Stempler discussed what, if any, legal advice was available in the organization to determine the legality of operations. Dr. McLucas requested that Mr. Stempler look into the question, and suggested that he take part in a future trip to the West Coast to personally examine the operation from a legal standpoint. Although not specifically stated, I would assume that the question of legality also applied to our operations in SAF.

Dr. McLucas mentioned a recent article in U. S. News and World Report and noted that this article - which had only one major flaw - showed that the program is working as intended, e.g., everybody knows about it, but nothing has been confirmed. Mr. Stempler stated that while a certain amount of "deviousness" may be required, caution should be exercised that we don't go overboard on it - e.g., don't be devious just because it's fun to do so.

Request that a letter be prepared acknowledging General Bradburn's message. Since Mr. Stempler was brought into the action, it may be beneficial to coordinate the letter with him.

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