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Director

USS LIBERTY Incident

1. In order to provide complete support to the JCS Fact-Finding Team regarding the USS LIBERTY incident, I desire that the following information be assembled and submitted to me not later than 1200 hours, 11 June.

a. Full documentation of NSA's responsibility vis-a-vis the JCS (JRC) and others for operations of the USS LIBERTY. This must include the basis for and procedures of command control, and operational and technical control of the platform.

b. Full documentation of the SIGINT tasking for the USS LIBERTY to include the basis and rationale for selection of the operational areas of deployment. This must include defining all aspects of the SIGINT mission that would influence positioning the platform in close proximity to the target nations. It should also identify the degree to which the mission might have been degraded if the USS LIBERTY were confined to operating in waters no closer than 100 nautical miles from the coasts of Israel and Egypt and 25 miles from Cyprus.

2. On the basis of information provided to it, my Mid-East Information Group (MIG) is preparing a complete chronology of events (preliminary copy enclosed) involving the USS LIBERTY from assignment of mission to the Eastern Mediterranean until the incident. Any information at your disposal which would shed additional light on the chain of events should also be forwarded.

/SGD/ Louis W. Tordella

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Director

Enclosure

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