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TO : Director

DATE: 11 April 1969

FROM : J. R. Chiles, S1

SUBJECT: PUEBLO Damage Assessment

1. As requested in your memorandum of 9 April, I have reviewed Sections II and III of the subject report.

2. In Section II (Cryptographic Damage Assessment), I found no errors or mis-statements of fact as we know them. The only significant omission is the lack of some discussion of the possible value to the Communists of the equipment technology acquired which might eventually result in improvement to their own cryptography. This point was made quite strongly in the initial damage report to USIB and a summary of this subject, as covered in Section V, Sub-section G of this report might be appropriate here.

3. In Section III, the only significant omission with respect to cryptographic damage is the lack of any mention of the possible consequences of the loss of superseded keying material. The fact that equipment loss only is mentioned might be somewhat misleading. I have provided [redacted] with a suggested rewording of the first and last paragraphs of Section III which, I believe, would adequately cover this point. (b)(3)-P.L. 86-36

4. I do not believe that any change to the report is warranted solely on the basis of these omissions, although they might be considered if supplementary or amplifying information is called for later.

J. R. Chiles

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