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Director, Central Intelligence Agency
 2430 E Street, N. W.
 Washington 25, D. C.
 ATTN: Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of 1 February 1961 in which you propose a substitute wording in paragraph 3b of the draft appendix to the ELINT Operating Instruction for the Central Intelligence Agency.

The substitute wording and your supporting comments appear somewhat divergent from the views of the National Security Agency on ELINT reporting. This Agency considers it essential to resolve this issue before proceeding further with the proposed assignment of special ELINT functions to your Headquarters.

Colonel Halloran, Director of Operational Services, will be pleased to arrange a meeting with representatives of the National Security Agency to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

W. H. BROWN
 LIEUTENANT
 Vice Admiral, USN
 Director

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M/R: The CIA letter to which answer is made herewith proposed a change in the text of a draft appendix forwarded to CIA under Serial N0096, on 11 January 1961. The proposal by CIA is interpreted as a refusal to accept DIRNSA control of ELINT reporting. It has given rise to misgivings regarding the wisdom of sanctioning an ELINT processing and analysis effort in the Washington area not collocated with COSA-5. PROD-05 (Mr. Zaslow) has recommended that the Director reply that there is no requirement for a separate ELINT center in the Washington area. PROD-03 (Dr. Wray), COSA (Mr. Conley), and PROD-04 (Mr. Kirby) agree that this should basically be the NSA position. When the functions of the National Technical Processing Center (NTPC) were assumed by NSA, however, the ELINT processing and analytic personnel of CIA were not incorporated in COSA-5. Eventually this situation should and may be changed. In the meantime, the provisions of the draft appendix to the ELINT Operating Instruction for the Central Intelligence Agency make possible the accomplishment of ELINT tasks in the national interest. Instant letter will provide an opportunity to explain the Director's intention to exercise control over those ELINT activities for which he is responsible under NSCID-6 and to press for collocation of such activities in the Washington area.

Instant letter is concurred in by COSA (Mr. Conley), and PROD-04 (Mr. Kirby). PROD-05 (Mr. Zaslow) does not concur, reiterating his recommendation as stated above. PROD-03 (Dr. Wray), who is not available for coordination, has indicated agreement with the views of PROD-05 in principle.

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