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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 the ELINT Operating Instruction for the Central Intelligence Agency, forwarded as the inclosure to NSA, Serial NO699, 18 February 1960. Section VIII of the reference reflects the agreement to list, as Appendices to that document, ELINT tasks as might further be agreed between the Directors of CIA and NSA.

The National Security Agency now proposes to task the Central Intelligence Agency, within its capabilities, to perform certain ELINT processing tasks. A draft Appendix to the Operating Instruction which would accomplish this tasking is inclosed. Details of the proposal have been discussed with representatives of the Office of Scientific Intelligence.

It is possible that collocation of these CIA ELINT activities with those of NSA may be desirable or necessary for execution of these tasks and it is proposed to discuss this further at a later date.

Your comment or concurrence is requested.

Sincerely,

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Vice Admiral, USN
Director

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M/R: CIA maintains an ELINT processing capability to service certain sensitive ELINT collection activities which they undertake by virtue of National Authority devolving upon them by directives other than NSCID-6. Representatives of COSA have discussed with CIA, OSI (Dr. Odarenko and others), the utilization of ELINT capabilities excess to CIA needs. The draft Appendix, "Special ELINT Functions Assigned to CIA" proposes to task that capability. CIA, OSI (Dr. Odarenko) indicates that the Appendix is acceptable except in one respect: CIA, in his opinion, could not agree to collocation of the CIA facility with NSA. Coordinated with PROD-04 (Mr. Kirby), COSA (Mr. Conley).
As agreed with PROD, collocation paragraph handled in covering memorandum.

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SPECIAL ELINT FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED TO CIA

1. To assist the Director, NSA, in discharging adequately his national ELINT responsibility, CIA will perform specific tasks which are considered essential and are beyond the capabilities of resources directly available to NSA.
2. The functions to be performed by CIA are those which appear, from past experience and discussion, most compatible with existing CIA activities and responsibilities.
3. In accordance with the above, CIA will perform the following assigned functions:
 - a. Provide for the processing and analysis of ELINT data, exclusive of TM/SV telemetry and beaconry, derived from:
 - (1) ELINT collection activities of all types sponsored by CIA (including special projects, covert, clandestine, etc.)
 - (2) Third-Party collection activities directly sponsored by CIA.
 - (3) Other Third-Party collection activities and special ELINT collection sources as may be requested by NSA. (CIA support in this area will be requested by NSA on a case-by-case basis and will be provided as agreed between NSA and CIA.)

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b. Provide the results of such processing and analysis in the form required by NSA for collation with other ELINT data and for reporting to the intelligence consumer community, and perform any reporting or distribution of this ELINT information in accordance with instructions from the Director, NSA.

c. Make available on a request basis pertinent raw ELINT data from the above sources for additional study by NSA.

Appendix to
ELINT Operating
Instruction for the
Central Intelligence
Agency, dated
18 February 1960