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Mr. William E. Colby
Acting Director of Central Intelligence
Langley, Virginia

Dear Mr. Colby:

Thank you for the opportunity to read and comment on your proposed memorandum for the President on Objectives for the Intelligence Community. We fully endorse the objectives and the approach you have outlined. Your program of action is far-reaching, indeed, and carries important implications for the National Security Agency/ Central Security Service, as well as the other components of the intelligence community. Our best efforts will be required to meet the deadlines you propose.

The need to insure responsive and timely participation from the Cryptologic Community in the broad areas of study and analysis which you will propose to the President prompts the following recommendations:

a. That the Director, NSA/Chief, CSS be appointed a member of IRAC and have representation on its R&D Advisory Council.

b. That the studies you propose to undertake in the next several months be assigned wherever possible to task forces constituted of representatives from interested agencies of the intelligence community. I would ask that NSA/CSS personnel participate on any of these task forces to which their contribution would be of value.

Meanwhile, I have directed my staff to begin work on a number of projects that I believe will support your efforts. I am also prepared to provide a number of people to serve on your Intelligence Community Staff as soon as necessary arrangements can be made.

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We have no difficulty with the text of the memorandum as drafted. I would note, however, two points the wording of which you might wish to review:

a. The fifth point in section B, p. 2, appears unnecessarily restrictive in its reference to "national requirements". The effectiveness of the Board is presumably relevant over a broader range of concerns.

b. We would hope that the "major program issue studies" mentioned at the top of p. 3 will be primarily cross-program analyses rather than issues drawn from individual intelligence programs.

We are particularly pleased to see your emphasis on the need to clarify the requirement for economic intelligence and to determine what contribution can be made in that field. We look forward to working with your people on that subject and on the other areas defined in the proposed memorandum.

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M/R: Mr. Colby provided Gen. Phillips a copy of a draft memorandum from the DCI to the President outlining a program of action in response to the Presidential directive of 5 Nov 71. This reply, drafted by Mr. A. Freedman is based on guidance of DIR and additional comments by DDO, DDR, DDF, NCRDEF and ADPR.

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