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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on the JIIRG Report

1. I attended a briefing on the JIIRG report in the DD/S&T conference room at 1400 hours on 10 August 1966. There were about 26 people present. Among those whom I recognized were:

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2. [REDACTED] made the introduction. He said that about a year ago the Bureau of the Budget sent a letter to the DCI and to the Secretary of Defense expressing reservations concerning the money proposed for the expansion of NPIC. BoB asked that a survey be made of existing PI facilities to see if there was any unused interpretation capacity. Admiral Raborn named [REDACTED] as his representative to work with General Carroll of DIA. The two got together and drew up their terms of reference, which were approved by the DCI and by the Secretary of Defense. The JIIRG has been on the task for the past eight or nine months. About ten days ago the JIIRG asked for comments on its draft report. Most of the DoD responses have been received. The CIA responses are still awaited. [REDACTED] hopes to have the report in the hands of the DCI and the Secretary of Defense by the end of the month.

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3. John Hughes, of DoD, conducted the briefing. The briefing was essentially an oral presentation, with visual aids, of the report itself. The briefing did nothing to improve my understanding of or to change my views concerning what is proposed.

4. In the question period following the formal briefing it became evident that the report would encounter appreciable resistance from CIA elements, particularly those within the DD/S&T. Most of the questions asked (or arguments raised) came from Carl Duckett, [REDACTED] all of the DD/S&T.

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a. Duckett, who is chairman of GMAIC, had two questions. The first was whether NPIC would continue to serve the third-phase exploitation needs of GMAIC. Hughes assured him that it would. He cited the footnote to the tasking chart: "NPIC will not engage in Direct Support Exploitation as such. However, NPIC will respond to the special requirements of USIB

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member agencies and committees and other higher authority in all functional areas as required to provide a national or supplemental view." His second question was concerned with whether COMEX would be set astride GMAIC in approving GMAIC's requirements for photo interpretation. Hughes quite obviously didn't know the answer to this question. After a good bit of hemming and hawing he concluded that COMEX would have no authority to review GMAIC's interpretation requirements.



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c. All of [] remarks were contentiously phrased, but they had no particular focus. One of his comments was of some interest: If it makes sense to divest COMOR of any responsibility in the field of photo exploitation, then it makes even better sense to relieve COMOR of any responsibility

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in the SIGINT field. Photo exploitation involves only a few hundred people and a few million dollars; SIGINT exploitation involves some

5. It appeared to me that the point over which the questioners were most apprehensive was the failure of the plan to assign NPIC responsibility for direct support exploitation. There is an "escape" clause that says that "NPIC will respond to the special requirements of USIB member agencies and committees . . . to provide a national view;" however, it seemed clear that the DD/S&T representatives felt this an inadequate assignment of responsibilities. It also was evident that the participants were confused by the new terminology used in the report. The report distinguishes between what it calls "basic support exploitation" and "direct support exploitation." Basic support equates to national requirements, and direct support equates to departmental requirements. This is not made clear in the report; in fact, it might be inferred from the report that such distinction is intended. It appears to me that once the data base is built, the loopholes in the plan will allow NPIC to be used precisely as it has been used in the past. ^{NO}

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