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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : Comments on Draft of Notice
(Coordination Responsibility for Research, Development, and Engineering (RD&E))

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1. The current draft, which we have jointly developed, is satisfactory to me with one exception which is more procedural than substantive in nature. In paragraphs 2b and 2c specific provision is made for the submission of the Agency R&D plan and any disputed project proposals to the Director through the Office of Programming, Planning, and Budgeting. While it is recognized that O/PPB will provide its usual staff support to you and the DDCI in matters such as these, I feel that the inclusion of this specific procedural detail contributes very little to the objectives of the Notice, and may result in definition of other peripheral staff action and thereby unnecessarily encumber the RD&E mechanism. The relationship of the O/PPB to the functions of the Office of the Director are presently recognized and established, and the proposed RD&E process introduces no new or novel tasks as far as that Office is concerned. I feel it is highly desirable to delineate in this Notice only the responsibilities and tasks of officers having an executive relationship to the DCI with the full understanding that each will use his staffs to aid him in carrying out these responsibilities in whatever manner he may deem necessary.

2. If there are important reasons as to why this provision should be made, I would be very happy to reconsider my objection.

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