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Logistical Planning for Support of Major Projects

In response to your verbal request of 24 July 1969, the following items are submitted:

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a. The operations now being supported in [redacted] are classic examples of those for which there must be long range logistics planning if success is to be assured.

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b. Because of the physical distances separating these activities from the sources of major materiel support, the time involved in procurement, delivery (overland and sea transportation), and distribution within the [redacted] area amounts to many months. This leadtime is further extended when materiel in critical short supply [redacted] is required. In these instances, it is necessary to go through burdensome administrative procedures to obtain allocations and await delivery from production. Major items of equipment such as vehicles, generators, fork lifts, operational communication equipment, and power equipment, by their nature, have long manufacturing leadtimes.

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c. Also, changes in magnitude of operations after initial implementation of programs have a significant effect on logistics support requirements that must be identified long before acquisition time if adequate support is to be expected when required. Increases in logistics support requirements have a geometrical effect, i.e., increased consumption in the field and increased quantities of materiel tied-up in the procurement--transportation--distribution pipeline.

d. The Office of ELINT with their increase in activities overseas tends to plan operations involving logistical support without Office of Logistics' participation in the planning stage and indeed sometimes does not even include representatives

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of the area operating division, i.e., [REDACTED]
These projects involve shipments to and from a [REDACTED] field
station and are to be a recurring monthly requirement.
Including Office of Logistics representation in the ~~area~~ *early*
planning of these operations would have facilitated shipping
arrangements as well as sterilization of material with a
minimum of inconvenience to all concerned.

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[REDACTED] If OL's advice was sought
prior to procurement action, considerable time and money could
have been saved by having such shipments packed and shipped
through commercial channels.

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