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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on NPIC to the Senior Staff Meeting,
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1. As part of the subject Senior Staff Meeting the Director, NPIC, presented a five minute briefing on the NPIC. He first traced the evolution of photographic intelligence within CIA noting the following dates and events:

- a. May 1953 - P.I. Division established in Geographic Area, ORR.
- b. June 1956- Designated as a Special DD/I Project (HTA) and moved to Steuart Bldg.
- c. Aug. 1958- Designated as the CIA Photographic Intelligence Center.
- d. 18 Jan 1961- Established as the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC)

An organization chart of the NPIC was then shown and its major elements noted with comment. Names and briefs on the Deputy Director and Executive Director were offered. Next, the current crowded conditions at NPIC were described, the numbers of incoming people listed and the plans for movement [redacted] mentioned. Current and future staff patterns were indicated along with values of plan account equipment aboard or to be received. No questions were offered from the group.

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2. Mr. Amory, DD/I, then noted that the NPIC had a big backlog from the U-2 activities and was planning for possible inputs from SAMOS type activities of the future.

3. Upon his return, D/NPIC briefed the Deputy and Executive on the substance of his briefing as well as the other business of the Senior Staff Meeting.

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