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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

30 June 1965

TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA
OF ORR

Although I personally spoke with many of you during the past two days, expressing my regret in having you leave the area for which I have been responsible for so many years, I do want to send out this note in order that I may be sure that I have expressed my personal appreciation to all for your loyalty to the organization and for the fine manner in which you have carried out the many tasks assigned to you during your varying periods of employment in the Office.

I particularly regret finding myself no longer in a position for being responsible for those of you who came with me from the Department of State back in 1947 and who have been such good friends over these many years.

The DD/I and the many others with whom I have recently spoken are as confident as I that the new Office of Basic Intelligence, which comes into being tomorrow, will experience successful growth under its new and expanded charter. In [REDACTED] the new Assistant Director for Basic Intelligence, you have a fine and understanding leader with long experience in the Agency and in government and with a high reputation in the geographic profession, in whom I know you already have full confidence. Moreover, [REDACTED] equally experienced in many aspects of intelligence and well known to you all, will be working at his side, giving strong support.

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My best wishes to you all.

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OTTO E. GUTHE
Assistant Director
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ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW OFFICE OF BASIC INTELLIGENCE

1. Effective 1 July 1965 there will be established within the Directorate of Intelligence a new Office of Basic Intelligence with a broad mission in the field of environmental intelligence. This will include the management of the National Intelligence Survey Program, the production of geographic and other basic studies in support of national intelligence and operational needs, and the provision of specialized cartographic and map reference services.

2. The Assistant Director of the new Office of Basic Intelligence is [REDACTED]

3. The positions and personnel required to staff this Office will be obtained through combining the personnel resources of the Geographic Research Area of ORR and the former Office of Basic Intelligence. For the foreseeable future, the establishment of this Office will create only minor changes in physical locations of its various components and the services provided by the Cartography Division and the Map Library Division to all parts of the Agency will be continued without change.

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RAY S. CLINE
Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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