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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DAILY

1. In my remarks in the Auditorium a few days ago, I noted that OCI had had a rough year, but had come out of it stronger and with greater responsibilities than ever before. This fall we have handled with distinction a short-lived crisis in Chile and a major crisis in the Middle East. Now we are again to be challenged, in a different and even more demanding way.

2. It is no hyperbole to say that, with the DCI's decision to proceed with the National Intelligence Daily, OCI is moving into the most ambitious current intelligence project ever undertaken in Washington. It is a radical departure from the pattern of current intelligence dailies since World War II; it differs in philosophy, content, style, sheer volume, and--we hope--quality. I would not have agreed to produce it if I were not confident that OCI had, over two decades, acquired the experience, the maturity, and the esprit to leave established patterns behind. We are ready to break new ground.

3. The Daily is not going to be easy. The first few dry-runs have been excellent, but they have had the benefit of novelty, of unusual attention, and of stockpiled material. The test will come when we are producing routinely, when night duty becomes a grind, and when material runs thin. If next summer we are still putting out a quality product, then we have made the grade. To do it, we are asking a bit more from everyone at the same time that we are being asked to produce a wider range of other papers. A few years ago, there were complaints that our analysts were under-employed. I do not believe we need worry about this any longer. We will all have to work like hell.

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4. The first live issue of the Daily is to appear Wednesday, January 3, 1974. We have pretty well solved the problems of producing it, but have not as yet handled the secondary matters that flow from it. With these we will be dealing between now and Christmas, and to this end, I am reorganizing the office staff, effective 26 November.

a. The Daily will be produced by a National Intelligence Daily Staff. [redacted] is designated Chief of this Staff and Managing Editor of the Daily. [redacted] is appointed Special Assistant to the Managing Editor.

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b. The Daily will be produced by four rotating editorial teams. [redacted] are appointed Senior Editors. [redacted] will also serve as [redacted] deputy.) [redacted]

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c. [redacted] is appointed Chief, Production Staff vice [redacted] will carry with him his responsibilities as CIB Chairman. [redacted] is appointed Deputy Chief.

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d. The White House Support Staff will report to [redacted] This unit, less those officers designated Daily editors, will remain responsible for issuance of the WHSR and TD series and daytime production of the PDB.

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e. The position of Special Assistant for Briefings and the Research Branch of the Production Staff will be discontinued by 1 July 1974.

5. Because OCI is now almost 20 percent smaller than it was when it acquired its present space, it must now give up some. This, and the need to clear space for the Daily staff, will require some squeezing and, until construction is possible, some unsatisfactory branch arrangements. Bear with us, there are some problems bigger than we are.

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6. The new publications structure will provide:
- The PDB for the President only. (He specifically does not want it changed.) It may--rarely--contain some unique material.
 - The Daily for the old PDB readership, the NSC Staff, and a few additional officers, in all 25-30.
 - The Red CIB, probably to be reconstituted with a larger "Community" input as the National Intelligence Bulletin, for everyone else.
 - The Black CIB will be discontinued as soon as satellite photography is cleared for use in the Red edition. Its readership will be split between the Daily and the NIB.
 - Soviet Developments, African Weekly, Developments in IndoChina, Situation in Cambodia, Developments in Sino-Soviet Relations, and Chinese Affairs will be discontinued, as will all division highlights.
 - Each division will produce one or more semi-formal publications for its specialized consumers. Note that these issuances, unlike the highlights, will be finished intelligence. They will normally not be reviewed at the Office level, and thus must receive proper attention and supervision in the Divisions. Much of their content may be drawn from the formal dailies.
 - The CIWR and CIWS will continue unchanged.

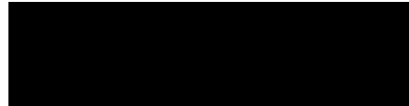
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--The WHSR series will be divided into a series for the White House only and a series to be disseminated to State, Defense, and possibly Treasury as well. The DCI assigns a priority to the WHSR second only to that of the PDB, and it will continue to be our usual means for rapid response.



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