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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Intelligence Advisory Committee

FROM : Chairman, Scientific Estimates Committee

SUBJECT : Coordination of Guided Missiles Intelligence Activities

REFERENCE : IAC-M-200

1. In compliance with paragraph 3 of reference, the SEC has considered the part which it can play in the coordination of guided missiles intelligence activities. It is the considered opinion of the SEC that, by further emphasizing and expanding in certain respects its coordination effort in guided missiles intelligence, it can fulfill the objectives of the proposed DCID 3/6 through existing organizations and mechanisms and by establishing ad hoc subcommittees as required. *

2. With respect to the responsibilities outlined by paragraph 2 of the proposed DCID 3/6 (IAC-D-81/9), the SEC procedures for implementation would be as follows:

a. "Providing recommendations for the over-all coordinated guidance and support to the guided missiles intelligence effort and to exercise such guidance as is authorized by the IAC." The SEC will proceed essentially as it did in connection with the preparation of NIE 11-6-54 when an ad hoc subcommittee was established. As a committee of the IAC, the SEC will implement guidance passed to it by the IAC.

* The Joint Staff and Navy Members, being of the opinion that the subject paper reflects too broad a concept of coordination of the field of G. M. intelligence, take exception to the inclusion, implied or otherwise, of such power of coordination by the SEC, and are of the opinion that only the S&T phases of G. M. intelligence can be undertaken by the SEC without a major revision of DCID 3/4.

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b. "Recommending new techniques for the collection and analysis of guided missile intelligence." The SEC will recommend proposals in fulfillment of this function.

c. "Providing continuing, coordinated requirements to the collectors." The SEC will exercise this function as it did during the preparation of NIE 11-6-54.

d. "Recommending the means to be established for making available to the participating agencies all guided missile intelligence information." One of the basic policies of DCID 3/4 is that "Full and free interchange of all intelligence information and finished intelligence between all agencies concerned is essential." This policy in regard to guided missiles will be implemented by continuing to pass information through established formal channels and to insure passage of information informally within the SEC mechanism.

e. "Planning and coordinating intelligence research according to the community's capabilities and needs." The SEC interprets this function to entail the establishment of a community research plan in guided missile intelligence by coordinating the individual research plans of the member agencies. The purpose of the plan will be to achieve proper scope and level of research in guided missiles intelligence in accord with priorities established by DCID 4/4. Fulfillment of portions of this research plan which require the assistance of the Economic Intelligence Committee and the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee will be coordinated with those groups and subsequently forwarded to them for implementation. The SEC will likewise support those committees in the fulfillment of their responsibilities.

f. "Review and coordination of intelligence on guided missiles produced to serve as contributions to national intelligence estimates and national intelligence surveys." The SEC will continue to review and coordinate contributions for national intelligence purposes essentially in the same manner as was used for NIE 11-6-54 and is currently being done for National Intelligence Surveys.

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g. "Production of coordinated intelligence studies on guided missiles to be published under GMIC rubric." Such studies as deemed desirable by the SEC will be prepared from departmental contributions and published under SEC rubric.

h. "Providing staff support when required by the IAC with respect to international conferences and planning in guided missiles intelligence." The SEC, at IAC direction, undertook staff support [REDACTED]

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will be accomplished in a similar manner.

3. The previous paragraph relates to the specific functions proposed for GMIC. The SEC believes that experience alone will enable the community to judge the necessity for all these functions and the possible omission of other equally important spheres of activity. Until experience can be gained through actual operation, the SEC proposes to proceed as outlined above to accomplish the objectives of the Draft DCID 3/6.

4. The SEC will require appropriate support from other IAC subcommittees (Economic Intelligence Committee, Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee, Interagency Priorities Committee, and the Interagency Defector Committee) in the accomplishment of its guided missile intelligence mission. The SEC will request assistance of the Joint Technical Intelligence Subcommittee of the Joint Intelligence Committee. Requirements for support in special intelligence and ELINT will be levied on the U. S. Communications Intelligence Board through appropriate channels.

5. Regular SEC membership includes representatives of CIA, the Departments of State, Army, Navy, and Air Force, the Joint Staff, and the AEC. Ad hoc representation from the National Security Agency, the FBI, and others will be requested as appropriate.

6. The SEC is in agreement that no changes in its charter are required at the present time to accomplish the objectives of the proposed DCID 3/6, if so directed by the IAC. The SEC believes that DCID 4/4 provides the necessary priority for effective implementation. A considerable increase in the work load of the SEC is

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envisaged as a result of the assumption of the proposed duties. The SEC will report to the IAC periodically on the progress in the guided missile field and will request guidance immediately on any problems which SEC cannot itself resolve.

7. At the invitation of General Samford, the SEC visited ATIC and was briefed by General Watson on the Air Force activities in guided missile intelligence. Air Force activities in improving and implementing methods for technical collection of guided missiles intelligence were particularly encouraging. At the present time, however, the SEC is not in a position to evaluate further the activities of the Air Force inasmuch as the assets and capabilities of the remainder of the community have not yet been investigated in similar detail.

8. This memorandum has been forwarded to the EIC for comment.

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