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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Walter Bedell Smith
Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: Organization of Panels "H" and "I"

After informal discussion between [redacted] of my Staff and the Panel members concerned, I have decided to designate [redacted] (The Principal CIA Member of Panel "I") as Chairman of Panel "I" and Mr. Richard H. Sanger (The Principal Department of State Member of Panel "H") as Chairman of Panel "H". Captain Richard N. Antrim, USN and Colonel Paul C. Davis, AUS, are the respective Executive Secretaries. [redacted] has discussed these assignments with [redacted] and Mr. Sanger, who have quite willingly accepted the chairmanships.

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While I consider this arrangement most suitable for the expeditious development of the South East Asia and Middle East Plans, I should like to emphasize that I do not believe this action should be looked upon as establishing a precedent for the assignment of the chairmanship of all PSB Panels. I have found in the past that since I can make members of my staff free to devote practically their full time to planning panels, and since they are in a position to be intimately familiar with the role, procedures and objectives of PSB, as well as with the background leading to the establishment of planning requirements, it is in many cases best to designate a PSB Staff member as chairman.

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I am happy that in the present instance [redacted] and Mr. Sanger will be able to devote an appropriate share of their time to the accomplishment of the respective planning tasks.

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Director

cc: Mr. Allen Dulles

NSC review completed.

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