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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of COINS Committee Meeting of 3 November 1967

1. The COINS Committee met at NSA on 3 November 1967.

a. Attending:

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*The COINS Committee welcomes [Redacted] who has been appointed DIA COINS Representative.

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2. [Redacted] announced the appointment of [Redacted] of CIA as Chairman, COINS Evaluation Panel vice, [Redacted] who has left DIA. [Redacted] on 2 November for a discussion of the problem.

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3. Minutes of the meeting of 20 October were discussed and approved.

a. Discussion of the COINS information retrieval language problem was continued. [Redacted] distributed copies of four "COINS Situation Papers". These Situation Papers will be used as media for highlighting and discussing specific COINS problems. Situation Paper No. 1 concerns the retrieval language problem.

(1) Initially COINS users at the participating agencies must be multi-linguists (i.e., They must learn the retrieval languages of the other agencies), or they must use fixed, "canned" (i.e., stored program) interrogations. At this time it is not known if CIA will have canned interrogation programs available.

(2) [Redacted] of CIA and [Redacted] of NSA will investigate the possibility of either of those organizations assuming responsibility for a comprehensive study of the language problem, either in-house or contractually.

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(3) Other alternatives mentioned were:

(a) COINS Committee adoption of one participating agency language for use by all.

(b) Adoption of a subset of an existing language.

(c) Investigate any action on this problem by the National Bureau of Standards.

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