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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA CODIB Member

SUBJECT : Community On-line Intelligence System  
(COINS) Implementation Plan

REFERENCE : CODIB-D-113/4.1, 8 June 1966

1. On 27 June, the CIA Task Force on COINS met to develop an Agency position on referenced report; representatives attended from OCS, OCR, ORD, OC, NPIC, RID, OPPB and ODD/S&T.

2. The group agreed with the plan in principle, with reservations about the time schedule and the need for the switch to perform language conversion. Points discussed:

Files: DDP files will not be included. DDI(OCR) and DDS&T(OCS) in consultation with users, will select one or more files. NPIC has agreed to make available, initially, a restricted sub-set of the total target-brief file; personnel training and procedural planning for linking their computer with NSA are well underway.

Schedule: Very tight, since there are many difficult problems to be faced. OCS believes that the Phase I schedule is difficult but feasible; OC is particularly concerned that the system operational requirements for COIN-II will not be determined sufficiently within the time frame proposed to permit the design, development and installation of the Communications Switch; they are also concerned about space for the hardware. Of possible consequence re scheduling is the ambiguous reference (p. 23) to "secondary security checking" --what does this mean?

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Emanations: It was noted that OS and OC are making a study of emanations associated with ADP hardware. Some information might be expected within 3-6 months, i. e., prior to the December 1966 target date (p. 29) as an aid in formulating technical security standards.

Approach: Would much prefer to avoid pre-judgment of conclusions and have the "solutions" presented in the report for Phase II put as guidelines. OC noted that a standard communications format is mandatory in any store-and-forward message communications system. Why not conform to the established U. S. Government message format?

Evaluation/User Involvement/Tone: CODIB needs to understand that the tone of the report is technical and that utility is a by-product. Phase I is a most rudimentary effort--if judged on utility, it will fail. Technical evaluation is to occur 6-9 months after COINS is in operation (p. 34). At some point in time, and realistically before proceeding into Phase II, something will have to be said about benefits and costs. It does not necessarily follow that this Agency would agree with the Knox Panel comment that an estimated \$1, 000, 000 for COINS is nominal.

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