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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

SUBJECT : Your Draft Compilation, "FUNCTIONS OF THE AGENCY",
Circulated Under Buckslip Dated 23 April 1975

1. As I told you this morning, I strongly object to the subject paper, both in terms of form and content, for the purpose of serving "as a foundation for a new Agency Charter."

2. One of my primary objections is that it treats with the functions of each of the Directorates, but does not even discuss the functions and responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence. (Incidentally, the same criticism can be made to a large extent about the existing legislation.) But, without a statement of the Director's responsibilities and functions, any Charter on the CIA will be hollow and without focus. The functions and responsibilities of all of the Directorates really derive from those of the DCI and only in this context do they begin to make sense. On this basis I recommend that your draft be completely recast with an effort to show how each of the functions of the various Directorates derive from those of the DCI.

3. The other primary objection is that most of the paper itself is devoted to activities which have been attacked from one or another quarter as being improper or not in keeping with the American spirit. Out of over 100 lines of text, less than 10 are devoted to the production of intelligence. There is no explicit statement that most of the activities enumerated are for the purpose of providing authoritative information and assessments about what's going on abroad to US officials who need this information to formulate and implement US national security policy, broadly defined.

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4. Finally, the list omits several services of common concern which the Agency performs on behalf of the entire intelligence community. Among the ones this Directorate performs are [redacted] s, the translation of foreign language documents, the production of economic intelligence, [redacted] cartographic services, [redacted].

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