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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Director of Current Intelligence

SUBJECT : Rationalization of the Watch Committee  
and the NIC

1. In our discussion last week I mentioned to you an idea we had for meeting Kissinger's request to you for some form of broader warning document. A draft proposal is attached. This has not been fully staffed, but I thought it would be useful to surface this early version to show how our concept is developing.

2. Partly by serendipity and partly by conscious design this proposal contains the seeds for a possible solution to several other related problems: what to do about an obsolete National Indications Center; where to locate an institutionalized "devil's advocate" function; how to produce a Community Weekly that will not be muscle-bound by the need for coordination of masses of text. In addition, your own developing interest in more short-term Community assessments is tending to produce some overlap between the present Watch Report and other items on the USIB agenda. The kind of Watch Report that is envisaged in this proposal might well provide the Community structure for handling such assessments systematically.

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