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MEMORANDUM FOR: Rear Admiral C. J. Van Arsdale, Jr.
Joint War Games Agency

SUBJECT : Program for Inter-Agency Politico-Military
Games for FY 1966

1. Thank you for your memorandum of 12 July concerning the program of Inter-Agency Politico-Military games for this fiscal year. I appreciate your invitation to participate in the program and am very much interested in continuing our participation in appropriate games. We have already designated six CIA personnel as representatives to SIGMA II, and I hope to attend the 5 August review and critique of that game.

2. My senior staff officers recently had an excellent briefing on the proposed program by Colonel W. T. Minor and Lieutenant Colonel T. J. McDonald of your staff. After further study of the program, I will advise you of our specific plans for participation in subsequent games.

(signed) W. F. Raborn

W. F. RABORN
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL WILLIAM F. RABORN, CIA

Subject: Program of Inter-Agency Politico-Military Games for FY 1966 (U)

1. (S) A proposed program of politico-military games for FY '66 (See Attachment) has been developed with the informal coordination of ISA (OASD), the Department of State and the Joint Staff. It is currently being presented in a series of briefings for the benefit of key planners of the departments, agencies and services, and has been approved by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, for more formal coordination with senior officials of the participating organizations.

2. (S) Inter-agency planning is under way for the first intermediate level game which is scheduled for 26-30 July 1965. This exercise is intended to be an examination of possible Southeast Asian developments. Teams of selected experts will be employed to portray the Soviet Union, Red China and North Vietnam and results should reinforce activities of the State Defense Study Group on China. Colonel George A. Lincoln of the U.S. Military Academy is expected to act as Game Director.

3. (C) It is hoped that you will find it convenient to attend and to participate in the review and critique of this game at 1600 hours, 5 August 1965 in Room 5C1042, the Pentagon. At that time a half-hour video tape will summarize the game in documentary fashion and discussion will be moderated by Professor Lincoln.

4. (U) The medium of video tape will permit active senior participation in critiques of several intermediate and command level games during FY '66, extending the value of these games for seniors who attend beyond the cabinet level simulations.

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5. (S) EPSILON I-65, scheduled for September will examine current NATO problems in a context of crisis and is tentatively slated to be conducted at Hq, EUCOM.

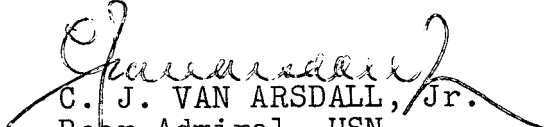
6. (S) NU I-65, the third game is projected as a cabinet level exercise to be conducted in Washington in late October to review a hypothetical crisis in the 1970's involving a Red Chinese nuclear delivery capability and a threat to India. An invitation will be extended to you to participate in this exercise as a senior player.

7. (C) Several of the games listed on the Attachment will involve invitations for a few operating level personnel from your office and each of the other major departments, agencies and services. Ordinarily, this will amount to one participant to serve on the United States or Blue Team and another on Control. (Although this may not always be feasible.) Depending on the subject being examined, a number of selected experts will be picked for opposition teams from nominations solicited from all organizations.

8. (C) It is desirable, in keeping with the inter-agency flavor of these simulations, that departments, agencies and services undertake to sponsor any of these games in which they have particular interest, a responsibility which provides an opportunity to determine the broad frame of game reference, selection of a game director, and primary interest in game organization and development.

9. (U) Your comments on the proposed program would be appreciated and if desired a briefing on this subject will be arranged.

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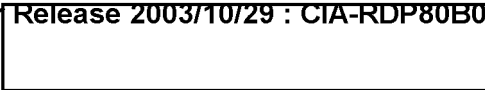

C. J. VAN ARSDALL, Jr.
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief, Joint War Games Agency

Attachment
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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SETTING</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>SPECIAL INTEREST</u>
SIGMA	Aug	Current, Southeast Asia	Intermediate	Examine current crisis	State-Defense Study Group
EPSILON	Sep	Potential, Western Europe	Intermediate	Examine NATO Problems	JCS/EUCOM
NU	Oct	Mid-Range Sino-Indian (Nuclear Threat)	<u>Cabinet</u>	Sino nuke capability 1970	State-Defen Study Group
OLYMPIAD	Nov	Long Range, 1970-80	Non- Government	Long look at Cybernetic Society and Technology	JWGA/ISA
MU	Jan	Potential, Arab-Israeli Water Rights	Intermediate	Water Rights	JWGA/JCS
ALPHA	Feb	Potential, Congo	Intermediate	Congo Brazzaville swings left	STRICOM/State
LAMBDA	Mar	Potential, {Bolivia} <i>S. A. R. ...</i>	<u>Cabinet</u>	Castroism spreads	CIA/JCS
IOTA-MU	April	Mid-Range, Indonesia/Malaysia	Allied	1968 in SW Pacific	PACOM/State
TAU	May	Potential, Thai Insurgency	<u>Cabinet</u>	1967 - SVN still in turmoil	Army
CHI	Jun	Potential, Cyprus	Intermediate	Turkish-Greece Confrontation	State
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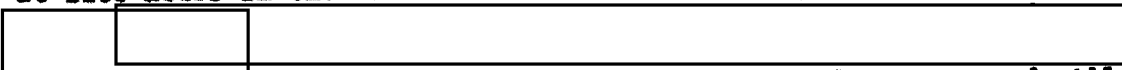
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20 July 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence



SUBJECT : SIGMA II-65: War Games Planning

1. As you will recall, at the 12 July morning meeting you briefed the DCI on SIGMA II on the basis of the attached memorandum. At that time the DCI expressed interest in being briefed by representatives of the Joint War Games Agency prior to the start of the SIGMA II Exercise on 26 July 1965, and we tentatively scheduled the pre-game briefing for Wednesday, 21 July. Yesterday morning (19 July) we were informed that the DCI would be unable to attend the briefing; however, the Executive Director has asked that the briefing be given for him and other senior officials of the Agency and is now scheduled for Wednesday, 21 July, at 1100 hours in the DCI Conference Room. The briefers are expected



Branch. The presentation will last approximately 35 minutes and will include a kinoscope showing of the SIGMA II-64 Exercise.

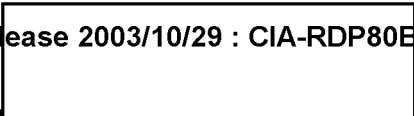
2. Agency participation in SIGMA II has been arranged as follows:

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| Peer de Silva | - U.S. Team |
|  | - Control Team |
|  | - Soviet Team |
| | - DEV Team |
| | - China Team |
| | - VC Team |

These individuals will participate in SIGMA II from 26 July through 30 July.

3. The DCI is in receipt of a memorandum from the Chief of the Joint War Games Agency which raises a number of questions bearing on a post-SIGMA II critique and subsequent Agency participation in these types of games. Preparation of a response has been assigned to us with a suspense date of 21 July. We recommend strongly that such response be deferred until after the 21 July briefing and preferably until after the first game is completed on 30 July.

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4. We are taking steps to arrange for attendance by senior officials of the other directorates (DD/S&T, DD/P) at the 21 July briefing. You may wish to mention at the 9 o'clock meeting that we would encourage participation by the most senior official possible from each of those directorates in view of the fact that the DCI has cancelled his attendance.

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