14 January 1966

Captain H. S. Matthews
Office of Director Joint Staff
Room 2E 959, The Pentagon
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Captain Matthews:

I understand you wanted a copy of the minutes prepared here on last Saturday's meeting. A copy is attached for your retention. These were prepared for internal consumption here and consequently are weighted on the side of intelligence, and specifically DCI interests.

I think it is a good thing to exchange papers of this kind so that we can all be sure we are in agreement on some of these potentially tricky matters. In this connection I would very much appreciate having a copy of whatever minutes you did on this meeting.

The four points that I read out at the meeting, which represented our understanding of the Secretary of Defense's intention, are as follows:

- (i) The primary purpose of the Working Group is to concern itself with problems of command and control;
- (2) It will not deal with interchange of intelligence among members of NATO, beyond what is already being accomplished;
- (3) There is no intention of stimulating further exchange of intelligence;
- (4) The Working Group will not become involved with intelligence information derived from sensitive sources.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Thoras A. Pennshif

Thomas A. Parrott

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