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27 JAN 1966

The Honorable William J. Crockett
Deputy Under Secretary for
Administration
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of 12 January concerning your plans for developing the Foreign Affairs Information Management Effort.

We will of course do all we can to be of assistance and will make available to you on reimbursable detail. He is scheduled to report to the Department by mid-February.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Deputy Director

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Mr. William J. Crockett
Deputy Under Secretary for Administration
Department of State

Dear Bill:

This refers to your letter of 12 January, informing me of your plans for developing the Foreign Affairs Information Management Effort, and of your interest in obtaining the services of [redacted].

I am in complete agreement that we should do all we can to promote meaningful relations between information systems developed in the community, and that your proposal contributes to that end. We'll therefore be glad to make [redacted] available to you on reimbursable detail.

We have arranged for [redacted] to turn over his duties here in time to report to the Department by mid-February.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms
Deputy Director

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DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
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Dear Dick:

For the past year we have been looking at information handling problems within the Department of State and several of the major foreign affairs agencies. The Bureau of the Budget assisted in the study and three other agencies participated: Agency for International Development, United States Information Agency and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

The results of this examination have led us to a decision that the Department should now devote resources to a continuing information management program, the Foreign Affairs Information Management Effort (FAIME). The Bureau of Intelligence and Research will be an integral part of this program along with a new unit devoted to the coordination of information systems between Foreign Affairs Agencies, and to the development of common information system components.

We well recognize that significant informational inter-relationships are not confined to the agencies mentioned above, and are therefore exploring appropriate means for the participation of such other Departments as Commerce, Defense, Labor, Agriculture, and particularly the intelligence community. One of our great difficulties in advancing this program, and in modernizing Departmental practices, is the scarcity of individuals with training and experience with information processing systems and activities in other agencies.

Mr. Richard Helms,
Deputy Director,
The Central Intelligence Agency.

One such person highly recommended to me is [redacted] in Mr. Borel's area of your agency. If you and Mr. Borel would find it of sufficient mutual interest to the Agency and the Department, we would consider [redacted] uniquely qualified and experienced by his work on SCIPS and OCR to assist us in getting the interagency component of the FAIME program underway. His knowledge of the Agency and intelligence community, and his familiarity with our activities, would help ensure interagency compatibility and complementary development efforts. The loan of [redacted] on reimbursable detail to the Department as soon as practicable would be most appreciated, and would be of benefit I believe, to both of us and the national effort.

Please feel free to call on me or Mr. Curtis Fritz of my staff who will be pleased to provide any additional details about the program you might desire.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

William J. Crockett

It lets you together for lunch - I need your help in holding the line on some of our programs to do it

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