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14. General Joseph E. Carroll  
Director  
Defense Intelligence Agency  
The Pentagon

Dear Joe:

I am enclosing a proposed draft statement of the problem and scope of [redacted] Task Force which has been set up to review the Early Warning intelligence efforts of the Government. Progress on this has been slower than I had hoped as [redacted] continues to find it difficult to detach himself from [redacted]. He should be available on a full-time basis in the near future. In the meantime, I think a good deal can be done without him. We can certainly complete a preliminary draft of descriptive material and undertake a certain amount of preliminary analysis.

With a view to getting the study off the ground, I think it would be helpful for us to sit down with the appropriate representatives of DIA, NSA and State for the purpose of reaching agreement on a proposed study outline and on the most efficient and least onerous method of assembling necessary data. I am enclosing a redraft of a proposed study outline which differs in some respects from the draft which we left with you two weeks ago.

My understanding is that [redacted] is the appropriate officer in DIA with whom we should have at least preliminary discussion about how to organize our effort and, subject to your approval, I propose to get directly in touch with him and fix some convenient

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date for preliminary discussions. General Blake has made [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] available to work on the problem and I believe that one of our early objectives will be to get a factual summary from NSA of their production and effort related to the subject of this study. I propose to invite either or both Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] to attend this preliminary meeting. We will also, of course, want factual statements of relevant production from NRO type collection, as well as from systems under DIA, CIA and State Department control. The principal purpose of the meeting, which I propose, is to discuss how we can best assemble the factual information which we need, in sufficient detail to provide a full understanding of the significance of the coverage from individual systems, in terms of its contribution to Early Warning, without becoming swamped with an over-elaborate minutia of detail.

Finally, the Department of State will ultimately have considerable interest in the study, although they may not feel they wish to contribute, at least at the outset. I am sending a copy of this letter to Tom Hughes and would, of course, welcome whatever representative he chooses to provide.

Sincerely yours,

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