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SUBJECT : Imagery Meeting - Briefing BOB

REFERENCE : Memo to DCI, dated 1 June 1966, Subject: Report of Ad Hoc Joint Imagery Review Group

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1. The briefing on the status of the Joint Imagery Interpretation study for Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hurley of the BOB was given as scheduled on 3 June. [redacted] constituted the briefing team and General Carroll and I were the only others present. The briefing was along the same lines as that given in my office to CIA representatives on 5 May, with some refinements.

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2. After the briefing Mr. Thomas expressed his appreciation and stated that he was much encouraged by the approach being taken and the obvious thoroughness of the study. Only a few questions were asked, the most pertinent from the CIA viewpoint concerned a questioning of the need for CIA having the requirement for Direct Intelligence Support Exploitation of imagery interpretation in all categories of intelligence where there are specific divisions of responsibility for Intelligence Production. Carroll expressed the same view but in a restrained manner. He has made similar comments at previous meetings but has always added that it is up to the DCI to determine what is necessary to support his function. I stated that the DCI, as the primary intelligence officer for the White House and the Government, requires an across-the-board capability in the intelligence arena with the imagery interpretation expertise to back it up in support of his responsibilities. My impression is that no views were changed by the discussion.

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3. Subsequent to the briefing and after the departure of Thomas and Hurley, a short conference was held on a serious problem which has arisen because the DIA has within the last week made major revisions in the original man-hour break out for the employment of photo interpreters. Every DOD element, including DIA, had significant changes with some changing in magnitude by close to a hundred per cent. Also, there were major changes in the categories in which the interpretations were employed. I expressed the view that I now had little confidence in the credibility of the original figures and no more in the new submissions. Carroll also expressed his concern to General Maples, who has been in charge of the DOD team. These changes, if accepted, will have a major effect upon work already accomplished by the joint team, including the invalidation of appendices which have been put in final form.

4. After some discussion it was decided that [] and [] would select units in which major changes have been made in man hours reported, relate those changes to any substantive impact on the work done so far and advise Maples of the units in question. Maples will then provide a substantiation of the man-hour employment as now reported. I will accompany [] and [] We have not yet determined the impact of the changes upon the report or upon its completion date.

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