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11 January 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Graham

SUBJECT: NSCIC Meeting Programmed for Near Future

1. This memorandum reports on the conference which [redacted] and I had on 10 January with Mr. Colby, and the DCI's decisions concerning the NSCIC meeting which Dr. Kissinger is to schedule in the near future.

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2. IC is to prepare a memorandum which the DCI will send to the NSCIC Chairman, enclosing a memorandum for NSC distribution to NSCIC members describing the agenda for the meeting and attaching back-up papers. This distribution will include the Secretary of the Treasury but whether it will include the Attorney General is to be decided by General Scowcroft (whom [redacted] will contact).

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Actions officers: General Thomas

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3. The agenda approved by Mr. Colby is as follows:

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Item 1: Key Intelligence Questions

Backup papers will be a copy of the printed KIQs for each member and a memorandum from the DCI explaining the purpose of the KIQs, the use to which he intends they be put and the essential elements of the KIQ evaluation process. The DCI intends that consideration of this item will be limited as much as possible to a briefing by him, with no invitation for detailed changes in the paper.

Action items:

a. Memorandum to accompany the KIQ paper.

Action officer: [redacted]

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b. Talking paper for Mr. Colby.

Action officer: [redacted]

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**Item 2: Legislation to enhance protection of intelligence sources and methods**

Backup papers will include a copy of the proposed legislation drafted by CIA and, depending on the timing of the meeting, whatever additional materials the General Counsel can provide. A covering memorandum will describe the objectives being sought through the legislation, relate this to problems posed by unauthorized disclosures, and request comments from NSCIC members as to any additional actions they consider appropriate. This agenda item is a follow-on to the DCI letter of 28 November to NSCIC members on "Actions to Control Damaging Security Leaks."

**Action items:**

- a. Copies of the draft legislation, and other materials which the General Counsel considers appropriate.  
Action officer: Acting General Counsel
- b. DCI memorandum to accompany the draft legislation.  
Action officer: Acting General Counsel
- c. Talking paper for Mr. Colby's use at the meeting.  
Action officer: Acting General Counsel

**Item 3: National Foreign Intelligence Budget Recommendations for FY 1975**

The backup paper will be a short DCI memorandum describing highlights of the NFIBR for FY 1975. (The document which was sent to the President and OMB will not be included).

**Action items:**

- a. DCI memorandum to NSCIC members.  
Action officer:
- b. Talking paper for Mr. Colby's use at the meeting, and any <sup>25X1</sup> appropriate briefing boards.  
Action officer:

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**Item 4: Unclassified omnibus NSCID**

Backup papers will include a copy of the proposed unclassified omnibus NSCID, drafted as a substitute for the eight existing classified NSCIDs, and a DCI memorandum to the NSCIC members describing the purpose of the unclassified NSCID and inviting discussion of the suitability of this kind of an approach to establishment of an unclassified "charter" for the intelligence community. The memorandum would invite identification of any particular problem areas which should be addressed.

**Action items:**

a. The draft unclassified NSCID: Actions officers: The sub-committee named by the CIA Management Committee to address this problem [redacted] (Dr. Steininger and Paul Walsh)

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b. DCI memorandum to NSCIC members.  
Action officer: [redacted]

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c. Talking paper for Mr. Colby's use at the meeting.  
Action officer: [redacted]

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4. The DCI also requested that briefing sheets be prepared for his use, if the occasion arises and time permits, on the following topics:

a. Status of the Arab-Israeli post-mortem

This would include a report on what has been done to date and a summation of conclusions as to the import for future crisis management tasks of the intelligence response in the Arab-Israeli crisis.

Action officer: [redacted]

b. Progress report on the NIO system

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A description of the purpose of the NIOs, the geographic and functional areas for which NIOs already have been appointed, and the role assigned to the NIOs in the KIQ evaluation process. Stress should be put on the NIO responsibility for improving liaison with key users of the intelligence products:

Action officer: D/DCI/NIO

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c. Decomartmentalization

A description of actions thus far taken with respect to decompartmentalization of T-KH materials, actions underway regarding [ ] matters, and the advice given to DOD re making KH-4 materials available for targetting use in Europe.

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Action officer: [ ]

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d. The FY 1974 Intelligence Budget

This paper should enable the DCI to respond to questions as to the impact which recent actions concerning the FY 1974 budget are having on the intelligence community.

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e. The DCI report to PFIAB on the Intelligence Community

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A summary of highlights of the annual report prepared in IC.

Action officer: [ ]

5. The DCI said he did not want to raise the subject of the NSCIC Working Group at the meeting. He would prefer to operate without use of the Working Group, handling matters by ad hoc groups where necessary, but generally having the NSCIC function much as the 40 Committee does.

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6. The briefing sheets should be short -- double-spaced and not more than three pages long.

7. No date for the NSCIC meeting has been set, but the DCI would like to get the materials to be sent to the NSC for distribution to NSCIC members as soon as possible. I suggest a noon 18 January deadline. In case an early date for the NSCIC meeting is set, the briefing sheets should be ready by 18 January if possible, and in any event, no later than 22 January.

8. It is requested you approve assignment of action officers as indicated in paragraphs 3 and 4 and the timing proposed in paragraph 7.

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