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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: NSC 144/1 (Latin America).

1. Some time ago there was a discussion at an OCB meeting of the review of US policy toward Latin America, particularly economic policy. Reference was made to the Rio Conference next fall, as well as to a general belief that a review of our relations with Latin America was in order. General Cutler at that time said that it would be helpful to NSC, specifically to the Planning Board, if the OCB were to submit a report containing an evaluation of the policy set forth in NSC 144/1 from the point of view of the operating agencies, together with suggestions as to gaps in policy. He said that the Planning Board would get at the review of 144/1 about the end of July, and would try to have NSC action during August. Reference was also made to the Cabinet Committee and the work which it was doing.

2. The OCB Working Group on NSC 144/1 prepared a document which represents the views of the operators. It is deficient as to form, since it suggests specific language to be incorporated in a review of the NSC paper. It has been agreed that OCB Working Group will not attempt to draft language. It was felt, however, that the document would be of some use to the Planning Board, and rather than delay until it was rewritten, the OCB Board Assistants agreed that the OCB Executive Officer should send it on to General Cutler pointing out that it represented only the operators' judgment on policy, that it had not been fully staffed in any of the member agencies, nor reviewed by the Board itself. Presumably, this document will come to you via NSC channels in the near future.

3. In connection with the OCB exercise, I have been in touch with the Western Hemisphere Division, and they tell me that so far as policy statements are concerned, the present NSC document is adequate for our purposes.

*signed*



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