

21 September 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT:

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1. The Central Intelligence Agency is undertaking a new program aimed at improving and increasing collection of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It is our understanding that a project of similar nature was previously explored by Ambassador Johnson and involved conversations between his representatives and officers of this Agency's [REDACTED]

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We ask your cooperation and support in broadening the base of this endeavor.

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2. Background. We have become increasingly concerned by evident weaknesses in community collection of such positive [REDACTED] information.

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[REDACTED] are among the first information called for by officials responsible for assessing the consequences for US foreign policy. We have often been "caught short" in meeting this need of the high-level consumer. Moreover, the Central Intelligence Agency

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(and, we assume, other offices and agencies responsible for extensive foreign activities as well) has a vital need for such data [REDACTED]

3. An outline of our proposed program is attached.

Specifically,

we ask for the following support:

b. that the Bureau of Intelligence and Research and the DIA Pro-
duction Center, in conjunction with the [redacted] provide
certain commentaries concerning [redacted] once published (see para-
graph 3-b of the attachment);

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