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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director, NPIC

FROM: Chief, Imagery Analysis Division, CIA

SUBJECT: Departmental Tasking of PI Resources

1. Pursuant to our discussion last Tuesday afternoon in regard to the proposed handling of departmental requirements (Direct Reporting) you will find the following JIRG statements of interest:

a. "Direct Intelligence Support Exploitation is that imagery interpretation effort which is undertaken in direct and timely support of the assigned mission of an agency, department, or command. It is a dynamic "on demand" process in which directly subordinate imagery interpretation resources must be applied to meet the spectrum of intelligence needs of a higher authority which cannot be satisfied by basic image-derived information. Direct Intelligence Support Exploitation thus is continuously oriented in support of the mission of an organization, rather than toward providing a flow of basic image-derived information from the imagery acquired by each successive reconnaissance mission. It is responsive to the changing needs of the higher authority being supported and can be effectively programmed only by that authority."
(JIRG Report, Part 6, Section B, Paragraph b, Page 18)

b. "CIA and DOD should continue to be responsible for imagery exploitation needed in direct support of established departmental or agency responsibilities."
(Appendix L, Section A, Paragraph 2, Page 21)

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c. "As expressed by consumers, the need for direct support exploitation products and services will not only continue at a high level, but will increase substantially during the 1966-1971 time period. The more effective use of modern communications and computer-based data transmission in the future will provide a more effective and more nearly real-time method for supplying information. This may alleviate some of the demand for direct tasking of imagery interpretation organizations and should help normalize on demand services. The necessity for departmental imagery interpretation elements is firmly and logically based on the necessity for directly providing responsive demand type services to their respective chiefs in a continually changing matrix of geo-political relationships." (Appendix I, Section 2, Page 40)

d. "Direct Support Exploitation is an essential function and should continue to be undertaken in support of the assigned missions and responsibilities of the major producers of finished intelligence. This function should capitalize on the information derived as a result of Basic Support Exploitation, and involves in-depth exploitation and the correlation and tailoring of the resulting information for integration and synthesis into intelligence which directly supports the assigned mission of the higher authority." (Appendix I, Paragraph E, Page 45)

e. "This plan (Option II) reflects the CIA responsibility for accomplishing Direct Support Exploitation in all areas of imagery interpretation related to the functional areas of finished intelligence production for which the Director of Central Intelligence exercises responsibility. This plan thus provides the Director of Central Intelligence a Direct Support Exploitation capability in all fields of imagery exploitation related to functional areas of finished intelligence production including: Military Capabilities, Military and Non-Military Economics, Atomic Energy, Scientific and Technical Intelligence and CIA's Clandestine Effort." (Appendix M, Section D, Paragraph 1, Page 14)

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f. "Departments and agencies represented on the Intelligence Board shall continue to be individually responsible for the conduct of imagery exploitation in direct support of their respective established departmental or agency intelligence responsibilities." (Appendix Q, Paragraph c, Page 1)

g. "The CIA maintains a capability for Direct Support Exploitation in all functional areas of finished intelligence production, in accordance with the NSCIDs, DCIDs and the overall responsibilities of the DCI." (Appendix L, 3rd Sentence, Page 27)

h. "No statement in this plan (Option II) shall be construed as altering the fundamental responsibilities or the basic authority of the Secretary of Defense or the Director of Central Intelligence over resources assigned them for the fulfillment of their respective missions relating to national security." (Appendix M, Part IX, Section B, Page 10)

i. "...option (II) denies the desirability of centralizing, as a matter of convenience or proffered gain, those Basic and Direct Support Exploitation functions which logic demonstrates and experience dictates should not be disassociated from the higher authority whose mission they support." (Appendix L, Page 23)

j. "This option (II) takes full cognizance of the real-world needs of higher authorities for Direct Support Exploitation as a vital, essential, and continuing contribution to the accomplishment of their respective missions." (Appendix L, Page 22)

k. "Definitive tasking of subordinate Direct Support Exploitation resources will be accomplished by the respective higher authorities whose missions and responsibilities are being supported." (Appendix M, Section D, Paragraph 3, Page 15)

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1. "It (Direct Intelligence Support Exploitation) is responsive to the changing needs of the higher authority being supported and can be effectively programmed only by that authority."
(Appendix I, Page 8)

2. I think the above substantiates Dr. Proctor's concept of JIRG in that direct tasking of departmental PI resources is to remain inviolate and reside with the CIA tasking components -- not COMEX!



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