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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25X1 FROM: [redacted] National Collection  
Officer for the Free & Third Worlds

SUBJECT: Meeting with State Departments's Acting Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics Matters, 1000 hours, 29 April 1981

25X1 1. The attendees at the meeting may be found in the memo attached. [redacted]

2. Mr. Linnemann appeared to be on an exploratory mission. The State Department's problem is that it is not receiving what it considers adequate raw or finished intelligence on narcotics matters around the world. The problem is essentially two-fold: as the DEA has increasingly taken over the DO's collection activities in the field, it has compartmented this information so that it is not circulated within the Foreign Affairs Community; NFAC analytical capabilities are withering as a consequence of the informational drought (DEA does not routinely make its own analyses available to the Foreign Affairs Community). Mr. Linnemann was, therefore, interested in learning whether Intelligence Community mechanisms existed which he could stimulate to focus Intelligence Community activities more seriously on narcotics matters. [redacted]

3. Mr. Linnemann did not appear interested in having the Intelligence Community Staff begin any work immediately; indeed, he suggested that the group reconvene in three weeks or so for further discussion. It was implicit that, in the interim, a new Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics Matters will most likely be chosen and that National Security Council mechanisms for handling narcotics questions might well be formed. [redacted] in particular, and the other members of the group acquainted Mr. Linnemann and his special assistant with the types of studies and tasking plans that the Intelligence Community Staff has traditionally prepared. [redacted] volunteered to begin preparation immediately of a HUMINT Tasking Plan and to convene an Intelligence Community Committee on Dissemination to consider the question of narcotics. Mr. Linnemann suggested that he was more interested in a multidisciplinary collection study, but did not refuse [redacted] request for collection objectives that would be the basis for a HUMINT Tasking Plan. [redacted]

State Dept. review completed

25X1 4. [redacted] at the same time volunteered NCPO to  
prepare a parallel multidisciplinary collection study on  
narcotics matters, to which I did not object in that public  
forum, but neither did I endorse one. Subsequent to the  
25X1 meeting, I expressed to [redacted] and his Executive Officer  
my reservations about doing two studies in parallel, partic-  
ularly since we would be overloading the circuits to those  
organizations from which we would have to request the  
information to prepare our studies. [redacted] suggested  
that HTO could alone coordinate collection objectives  
which we could then use whenever we wished. I replied that  
25X1 [redacted] would be in touch with [redacted] to discuss  
25X1 the matter further. [redacted]

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5. My sense from the meeting and subsequent side con-  
versations with the participants is that we are only in the  
very initial stages of deciding on what the Intelligence  
Community should or would do for the State Department. Given  
the Department's lack of immediacy, I would expect that  
it also will not soon provide collection objectives for a  
study of any type without strong prodding from the Intel-  
ligence Community Staff. What Mr. Linnemann really seemed  
to be looking forward to was the creation of a National  
Security Council Subcommittee on narcotics matters (SIG-N)  
with appropriate staff support from the White House. He  
also envisioned a reconstituted subcommittee of the Critical  
Collection Problems Committee, which would then undertake  
any staff studies deemed appropriate, as well as make any  
called for recommendations. [redacted]

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6. The narcotics question is from the intelligence  
point of view a can of worms. There are clearly juris-  
dictional disputes in which the intelligence agencies  
currently have little at stake and therefore little interest.  
Rather, State, apparently despairing of getting DEA to  
cooperate, would put CIA and DIA into the field to compete  
with DEA to collect the information it insists it needs--  
hardly a healthy situation. There are, further, obvious  
legal implications as to what intelligence should do in  
this area; the Office of General Counsel would have to be  
closely involved in any activities undertaken--even initial  
studies of the problem. And before the above questions are  
addressed--and before the ICS begins any work--we need some  
clearer idea of how DEA will be treated in the Executive Order  
that will replace 12036. It is my strong recommendation that  
we approach any State Department request with caution and,  
especially, that we have our own house in order before we  
do anything in response to such a request. [redacted]

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Attachment

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SUBJECT: Meeting with State Department's Acting Assistant  
Secretary for International Narcotics Matters  
NCO/Free and Third Worlds [redacted]  
Room 5E25, CIA HQS [redacted]

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DCI/ICS-81-5655  
28 April 198125X1 MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
Director, HUMINT Tasking Office25X1 THROUGH: [REDACTED] DD/HTO  
[REDACTED] D/HTRD/HTO

FROM: [REDACTED] HTRD/HTO

SUBJECT: Meeting with Acting Assistant Secretary of State,  
Bureau of International Narcotic Matters;  
Wednesday, 29 April, 1000 hours, your office

## 1. The following will attend:

Joseph Linnemann, Acting Asst Sec, INM  
 Clyde Taylor, Deputy Asst Sec, INM  
 Jon Wiant, INR Global Issues Staff, Special Asst for  
 Narcotic Intelligence  
 Mike Ulmann, Executive Secretary, Cabinet Committees,  
 White House Staff (not yet confirmed)  
 [REDACTED] STO - SIRVES (Signals Intelligence  
 Requirements Validation and Evaluation Subcommittee)  
 [REDACTED] ICS/NCPO

2. Mr. Linnemann accepted with alacrity the offer of a briefing on the activities of the HUMINT Tasking Office. He is particularly interested in our relationship with DEA and would appreciate an account of how we work with DEA, how we task them and how we will analyze and assess their responsiveness.

3. If the White House staff member, Mr. Ulmann, is present, Mr. Linnemann feels that an explanation of the government-wide effort in the narcotics field, the problems of coordination that exist and the need for a smoothly coordinated effort in the field would be helpful.

4. Mr. Linnemann is in the process of forming an inter-agency group (IG) on narcotics. He strongly supports the preparation of a Tasking Plan on narcotics. (It might be possible to get a first draft from his office or from Jon Wiant--Carol Baumann is his boss. You might wish to raise this possibility. I, or someone else in HTO, could edit and vett the draft in the Community.)

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5. By the way, INM may have an assistant secretary-designate by tomorrow. Apparently the 7th floor has awakened to the dangers involved in the international narcotics trade. There is even a rumor of White House pressure for a sizable increase in the field.



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