

4 August 1982

Mr. Thomas Polgar

Tom:

Oddly enough your letter regarding planning arrived right after I concluded a two-hour session with the Executive Committee on planning. I instituted a planning process months ago when I became Executive Director which has each organization planning against a DDI assessment of the world situation in the out-years.

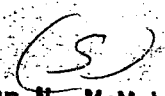
With that as a given I have the DDO planning on what they need and how to go about addressing those problems; have the DDS&T set out its program for R&D and technical collection; and then give that work to the DDA which will fashion the support necessary to satisfy the three other Directorates' needs. We will be including papers on CA, CI, HUMINT and tech collection. We will then go into a review and develop a preliminary assessment of investment strategy models which would be an attempt to determine how we can get the most bang for our buck.

EXCOM will review all of this around 13 September and arrive at a preliminary decision which will then guide the development of our final paper and planning by December.

If it looks like there are any loose ends in this process I may very well want to contact you and ask for your opinion/advice/counsel, etc.

Until then, best regards. Stay in touch.

Sincerely,


John N. McMahon