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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Director of Planning, Programming and Budgeting

SUBJECT : OSA Communications

1. In furtherance of our efforts to achieve maximum efficiency and economy of operations in all our programs, I would like you to conduct a joint review of the OSA communications system to determine if there are advantages in integrating this system with the Agency's world-wide communications network. The study should present operational alternatives and an analysis of operational gain vs. cost for each alternative.

2. Some specific questions which should be addressed are:

a. Can OSA messages be processed over other CIA circuits if proper security safeguards are provided?

b. Are any of the OSA field comcenters located in the same cities with other CIA comcenters? Would it be possible for combined comcenters in Washington and selected field stations to provide service to all Agency components with greater economy of personnel, equipment, and circuitry?

c. Is there a variable level of activity in the OSA network? If so, would the integration of the OSA communications system with the larger Agency system provide a broader base to meet peak loads and better utilize personnel when there is no operational activity?

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3. You should plan to include any resulting program implications and plans in your Spring program submissions; therefore, I would like for your findings and recommendations to be submitted to me by 15 February 1967.

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