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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chairman and Members, National Security
Council Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT: Key Intelligence Questions for FY 1974

1. Reference is my letter of 9 January 1974, subject as above, which forwarded a copy of the "Key Intelligence Questions (KIQs)" and commented on the inputs which had been received from each NSCIC member. I noted in the letter that the KIQs would be considered at an early NSCIC meeting.

2. Since it now appears that the Chairman's schedule will preclude holding an NSCIC meeting, I am writing to request the individual concurrence and comments of each member on the KIQs.

3. As the fiscal year was more than half over before the key questions had been compiled, I considered it necessary to start the evaluation process as soon as possible. The USIB agencies already have been tasked to respond to selected KIQs as a test of the system. This really represents a "shakedown cruise" on a program which I am hopeful will provide a good management tool for measuring the effectiveness with which the Intelligence Community responds to intelligence topics identified as being of major current importance to policy levels of the Government. What I am seeking, as you are aware, is a better linkage between the substantive functions of intelligence and the allocation of resources.

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4. During the summer, we will review the "Key Intelligence Questions" and develop a revised list for FY 1975. By that time, our evaluation process should provide a basis both for improving the statement of questions and for evaluating the Community responses. Any comments you may have as to the kinds of questions on which to focus in the next iteration would be most appreciated.

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