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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

General Wilson

SUBJECT : Comments on Proposed DCI Letter to General Graham  
re Warning Mechanisms

1. Attached is a line-in/line-out redraft of the letter to General Graham, draft of which was provided members of the Intelligence Panel of the NSCIC Working Group on 25 October. As indicated in the margin of the redraft, the changes reflect comments from CIA, DIA and NSA/CSS.

2. Mr. McAfee has requested that further consideration of the draft await Dr. Hyland's return on 4 November since he has previously expressed concern with developments underway to change the watch mechanisms. Mr. McAfee said he had discussed this matter with INR personnel involved with ICS in the development of papers dealing with warning, and they wondered as to the reason for Intelligence Panel involvement in the same matter. Mr. McAfee has no specific proposals for amending the draft he was provided on Friday. He noted he had been advised that previous INR discussions with ICS representatives had not indicated the scope of the Strategic Warning Committee would be as wide as was stated in the material within quotes in the last paragraph of 25 October draft. This widening posed no problems to State, however.

3. Also attached is a 29 October letter from General Tighe, which at paragraph 3 indicates a continuing disagreement with the proposal that "a separate analytic staff need be organized under the DCI to prepare the daily temperature reading of the posture of the military forces of our major adversaries and the indication that these forces may be bent on hostile action."

4. General Tighe states that "our concept of the staff required to prepare the daily temperature reading is one which taps and questions the existing community assets, rather than overshadows them. We believe that such a staff could truly be small and could function on behalf of the DCI while integrated into the DIA organization."

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5. The issue which needs to be faced directly is the independence, or lack thereof, of the analytic staff which would be created. Is it merely located in the NMIC or is it part and parcel of the NMIC.

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Director, Coordination Staff

Attachments: a/s

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