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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Plans and Programs Staff, OL

25X1 FROM: [redacted]
Chief, Supply Division, OL

SUBJECT: Supply Division Support from the General Services Administration (GSA) (U)

25X1 1. The nature of the support Supply Division receives
25X1 from GSA falls into two categories. The first of these is
25X1 [redacted] support which is akin to that service provided by
25X1 GSA to all Government agencies; the second area of support
25X1 is that which is provided [redacted]. It is in this latter area
25X1 that GSA is most responsive, and we attribute this cooperation
25X1 to that special relationship which has been established with
25X1 GSA over many years. The [redacted] support is the troublesome area,
25X1 but, as near as we can determine, the problems we encounter
25X1 with GSA are shared by other agencies in the Government as
25X1 well. [redacted]

25X1 2. GSA provides Supply Division with logistical support
25X1 in five specific areas: [redacted] (b) property disposal,
25X1 (c) cataloguing, (d) inter-departmental requisitioning and
25X1 movement of supplies, and (e) motor vehicle acquisition.
25X1 Except [redacted] which is provided, all of the other
25X1 services may be either on a classified or unclassified basis. [redacted] 25X1

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25X1 5. Executive Branches of the Government are required by law
25X1 to report their excess property to GSA. GSA in turn arranges for
25X1 screening of the property by other Government agencies, state
25X1 governments, and local municipalities in an effort to redistri-
25X1 bute the property. In our case, the property is reported to GSA

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and at the same time is moved to a screening area in our [redacted] GSA then circulates a listing of the items throughout Government, and interested parties screen the materiel [redacted] The screening period lasts for up to 180 days, after which, if no one has expressed an interest in the property we physically turn it over to the GSA sales center and it becomes their property. The problem with this procedure is that, after we report the equipment to GSA as being excess, we must retain it for a period of up to six months, and we must furnish an area [redacted] [redacted] where this materiel can be screened during this time. [redacted]

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6. We do not feel that there is an alternative to disposal of items through GSA. The circulation of equipment listings and other services provided by GSA until property is disposed of are of benefit to both the Government and the taxpayers and is not an area the Agency would want to become involved in. However, we do feel that if our present system of disposal through GSA could be modified to permit us to turn items over to GSA at the time we report they are excess, we could better utilize our time, space, and funds. (U)

7. GSA is the catalog agent for CIA in the Federal Catalog System (FCS). All catalog transaction requests originated by the CIA for FCS are mailed to GSA for data completion, coding, and formatting before they are submitted to the Federal data base at the Defense Logistics Services Center (DLSC) of the Defense Logistics Agency. GSA is our technical advisor in these cataloging procedures as outlined in FPMR Part 101.30. (U)

8. We occasionally discover GSA documentation processing errors, which resulted in the establishment of transaction verification procedures in Supply Division's Item Identification Section. However, the alternative would be to become a direct submitter of catalog data to DLSC which would result in a severe strain on our manpower capabilities and resources, and I recommend against that consideration. [redacted]

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10. In summary, we believe the property disposal procedures which are imposed on the Agency by GSA are cumbersome, time consuming, and costly in terms of scarce space being occupied and personnel committed to this process. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] is useful and serves our purposes very nicely. If we could turn over excess or unserviceable property immediately to GSA, we could reduce our storage space requirements and probably eliminate the personnel who are needed to manage the property. The cataloguing support is best left the way it is. If the responsibility were to be shifted, it would require more personnel resources within the Agency without any significant improvement. In the area [Redacted] procurement, we believe lead time could be shortened by eliminating the need for GSA to act as our middleman. [Redacted]

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11. One other area of concern, and perhaps one of the most significant is the dicotomy which stems from the Director's special authorities and regulations which are promulgated by GSA. While the Central Intelligence Act of 1949, as amended, gives the Director of CIA the authority to take specific action without regard to any other provision of law, regulations published by other Government agencies tend to restrict the Director's authority to act. The Department of Energy regulations dealing with the motor fuel allocation system and the GSA imposed moritorium on furniture are typical of the kinds of actions taken by other agencies which have an effect and inhibit our ability to respond to Agency requirements. In cases such as these, the Director's authority should prevail, and procedures should be established to ensure that it does. (U)

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