Director
Intelligence Community Staff
Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Steering Group for the Electronic Information
                  Security Project

SUBJECT: First Meeting of Joint IC/DoD Electronic Information
                  Security (ELINFOSEC) Steering Group ☐   25X1

     1. The Executive Steering Group for Strategic Planning endorsed and
supported the need for an aggressive thrust on Electronic Information Security
(ELINFOSEC) at the 12 May 1983 meeting, and agreed to assist in the effort.
The project is led by ☐   and is described in the brief   25X1
strategic planning issue paper attached. It was proposed that the first
meeting of the ELINFOSEC Steering Group be held in early June to review the
progress of ☐   effort and to provide further guidance, direction, and   25X1
priorities. ☐   25X1

     2. As the project director, ☐   has met or will soon meet with   25X1
Intelligence Community and DoD principals to discuss the effort and to solicit
their support and guidance. Based on discussions at her initial meetings, the
definition of the effort was broadened from the original "computer security"
to one that covers all forms of electronic information processing, and is
reflected in the name change to Electronic Information Security. ☐   25X1

     3. It was noted at the ESG(P) meeting that ☐   project would   25X1
address the DDCI's 10 May 1983 memorandum tasking the Community to develop
"Community-coordinated minimum computer standards" which would be applied "to
any Community computer networks that might be developed." It was also noted
that the IC Staff did not have sufficient manpower with the requisite skills
to support ☐   project alone, and that all agencies would be called   25X1
upon to nominate people to staff appropriate parts of the project within their
interest and expertise. Walt Raymond provided a strong endorsement of the
effort and supported the need for cooperative staffing efforts. ☐   25X1
expressed concern that, given the sheer size and breadth of the DoD
intelligence subset, it was an absolute necessity that links within DoD be in
order so that the link between DoD and CIA might be expedited. ☐   25X1

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4. In accordance with recommendations of the Executive Steering Group for planning, I suggest that we try to meet at _____ in early June so that _____ can brief us on her efforts. _____ secretary to the Director, Planning and Policy Staff, will coordinate our schedules for this meeting. Your staffs can reach her on _____ .

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    Strategic Planning Issue Paper

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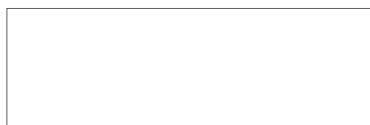STRATEGIC PLANNING ISSUE

<u>COMPUTER SECURITY</u>

<u>Concerns</u>:

o   Explosive increase in computer utilization and data sharing through Intelligence Community and in agencies using intelligence information.

o   Theory and practice of computer security has not advanced as quickly; therefore, vulnerability of computer systems to penetration has increased.

o   Means of measuring the security of computer systems is not well developed.

o   Intelligence Community's computer security program not fully established and will require long-term program.

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o   US computer manufacturers are not uniformly serious about computer security.

<u>Background</u>:

o   Computer security long recognized as important subject but excitement to use computers and share data have far outpaced determination and wherewithal to protect them.

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o   "Pockets of Competence" in computer security exist in private industry, academia and government.

o   Need for computer systems with multilevel security features very intense, but no system has yet been accredited for use in a multilevel security environment.

o   Intelligence Community currently not structured to deal readily with computer security; responsibilities come together only at the DCI/DDCI level.
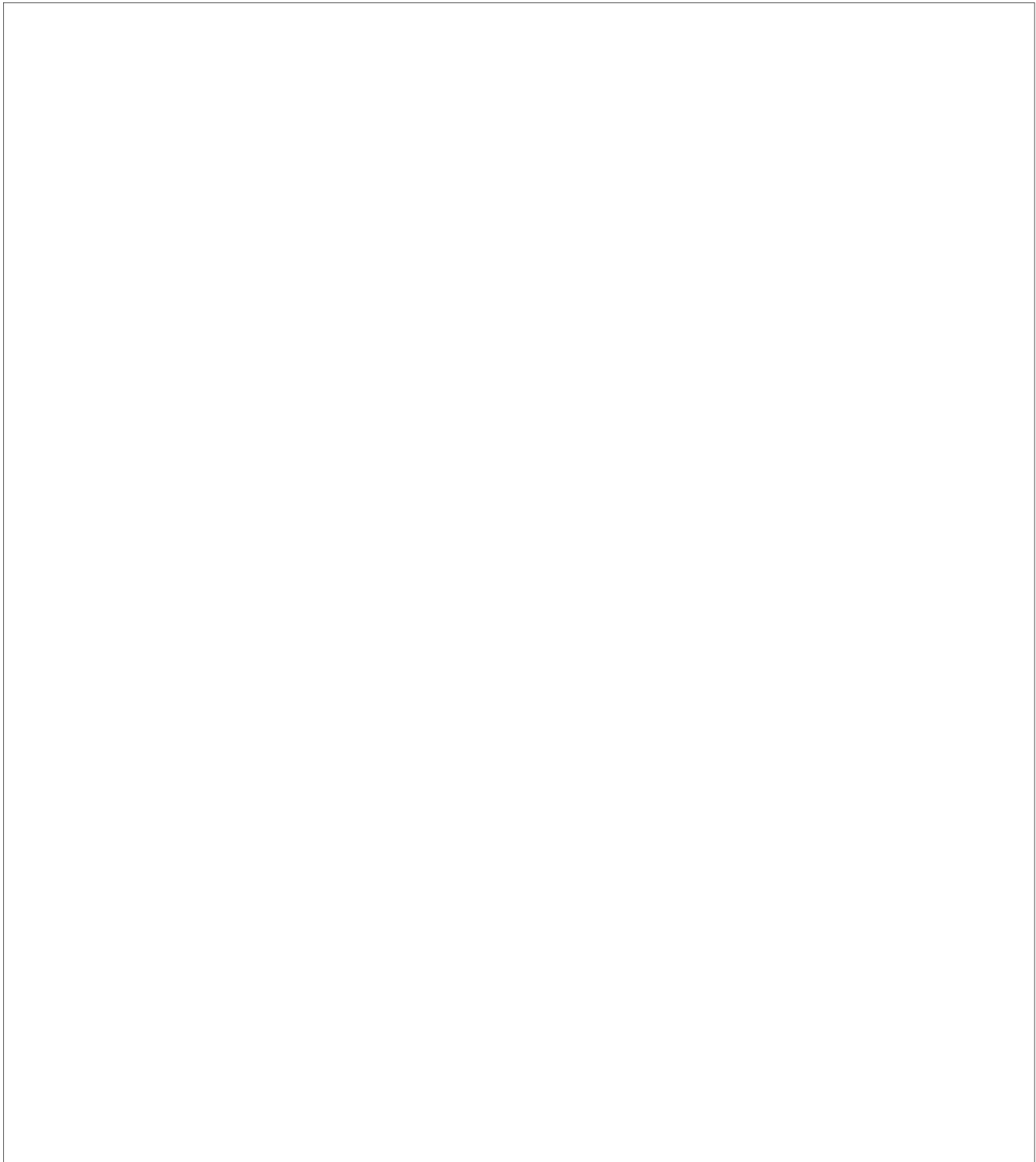
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o   Implementation of an adequate computer security program for the Intelligence Community has numerous long-term operational and resource implications.

o   The DDCI and the Executive Steering Group for Strategic Planning have   25X1 endorsed computer security as an important long-range planning issue assigned to the Director, Intelligence Community Staff.

<u>Approach:</u>

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