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The Director of Central Intelligence

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Mr. Douglas P. Mulholland  
Special Assistant to the Secretary  
(National Security)  
Department of Treasury  
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Mr. Mulholland:

I am enclosing a copy of the National HUMINT Collection Plan on International Narcotics for your personal review. The Plan is based on the conclusions and recommendations of the narcotics intelligence community and was developed under the general auspices of the National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics. Its essential purpose is to provide broad intelligence collection guidance for the Intelligence Community consistent with my duties and responsibilities to the President and the National Security Council as detailed in Executive Order 12333.

The Plan also provides advisory tasking of US Government organizations which are not part of the National Foreign Intelligence Program (NFIP). As you know, the Customs Bureau and other Treasury elements have taken a strong interest in the Plan's development as have several non-NFIP agencies such as the Drug Enforcement Administration, US Coast Guard, Customs, AID, USIA, and the State INM Bureau.

You will note Treasury's significant role in the assignment of collection objectives. In this respect, I look to your personal insight and discretion to ensure that appropriate components within the Department of Treasury associated with the processing of information on narcotics related intelligence issues are cognizant of the Plan. I wish to express my appreciation for the excellent cooperation and support extended by Treasury's Financial Law Enforcement Center in preparing the Plan. Its work has been exemplary and has provided significant assistance to the Intelligence Community's effort in the analysis of the complex issues related to narcotics financial flows. I also wish to express my appreciation for the current effort on the part of the US Customs Bureau to develop an improved and more effective intelligence liaison structure with the Intelligence Community. I am attaching a letter I have written to Commissioner Von Raab in this regard.

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In conclusion, I would like to stress that it is of the utmost importance to be able to assure responsible members of the Executive and Legislative Branches that the priority the President attaches to the narcotics issue has been communicated directly to both intelligence and non-intelligence elements of the US Government. The attached HUMINT collection study represents a concerted effort by the Intelligence Community to meet this objective. It will require, however, your strong support and active participation for its effective implementation. In this regard, I know I can count on your personal lead.

Sincerely,

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John N. McMahon  
Acting Director

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