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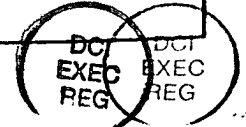
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The Director of Central Intelligence

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Washington, D.C. 20505

The Honorable George A. Keyworth, II
Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Jay:

As you are aware, the Intelligence Community is continually striving to focus its analysis on those questions which, if answered, can be of greatest value to policymakers. In particular, those persons who are responsible for scientific and technical intelligence are making a major effort to assure that their resources are being used to address those questions which are of greatest interest to the policymakers who are concerned with national issues which involve foreign science and technology. This effort is in support of our initiative to do more work in determining which sciences and technologies are being emphasized in foreign countries so that there will be an early warning of possible future foreign weapons systems, economic threats or surprises which could have a significant impact.

I believe you are in a particularly good position to assist me in focusing the Intelligence Community's science and technology reporting and would like to ask your help. To insure that our scientific and technical intelligence efforts are on target, we periodically need guidance from senior policymakers in the science and technology arena. To provide this guidance, I propose that you establish a small advisory panel of key policy officials. The panel would discuss the various concerns of senior policymakers as well as identify specific sciences and technologies where there is particularly high interest. I suggest that the panel consist of about eight members and I request that you serve as chairman. I would think that two or three meetings a year would be appropriate. Other members of the panel might include persons such as Dick DeLauer, Hans Mark, Bill Schneider, Lionel Olmer, suitable representatives from DOE and perhaps the uniformed services.

You are, of course, aware of my Science and Technology Advisory Panel composed of eminent scientists and engineers from academia and the private sector. I suggest that Gordon MacDonald, the Chairman, meet with your panel as an observer. I also suggest that the small group of the senior scientific and technical intelligence officers now being formed within the Intelligence Community to better coordinate its S&T activities be present for your meetings. They could benefit directly from the discussions and assist in implementing your guidance. Julian Nall, my newly appointed National Intelligence Officer for Science and Technology, is in the process of establishing this group and will serve as its chairman.

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It seems to me that the formation of this panel represents an important opportunity for the policymaking community which is concerned with science and technology. It will enable the members of the panel to interact directly with and provide guidance to my principal external science advisor and the senior scientific and technical people within the Intelligence Community. I believe this interaction will enable us to provide you and others with more effective and timely intelligence support.

I trust that you will agree that this activity is very worthwhile and I look forward to receiving your response at an early date.

Yours,

William J. Casey