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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Communications Programs

There have been some recent developments, as reflected below, in several of the Communications Programs of the Agency. These, for the most part, are not reflected in any changes in the overall planning by BPS. However, the fluctuations in several of them does caution BPS to continually review these programs and to update planning as we receive hard facts.

1. Support Information Processing System (SIPS) - BPS has been advised that there have been a series of inquiries made to Commo concerning the feasibility of activating the SIPS into remoted terminals at Ames, Key, Magazine and other buildings from Headquarters at Langley. The timing appears to be in the 72-73 fiscal years and the data exchanged would be between several Headquarters customers and their remoted elements. Commo advises that computer equipment is available within the requesting elements. However, modems and multiplexing units are not available, and the installations will require funding and work orders of some sizable dimensions.

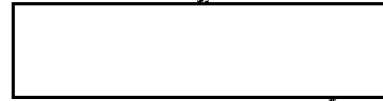
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2. Automated Communications Terminal - Phase I (ACT-I) - [ ] 25X1A5A1  
[ ] representatives are preparing a one-week training program for the Headquarters Signal Center people who will operate the ACT-I units. The pre-acceptance team for this system is due to leave for California on the 24th of January. Recent information from [ ] indicates 25X1A5A1 that layoffs are taking place in the programming department and some possible delays may take place in the pre-acceptance of the system which is scheduled for early February.

3. Secure Narrative Message Switch (MAX-II) - Expansion and updating of this equipment is planned just prior to 22 January with the expectation that all changes will be made and the system thoroughly tested well in advance of the ACT-I installation at Headquarters Signal Center.

4. Cable Secretariat - BPS has learned of a proposal that the Cable Secretariat might be placed under the Chief, [ ] 25X1A  
Because of the automation of the Signal Center portion of message handling through ACT-I, Cable Secretariat might logically be considered the next step in the long-range program to automate the entire system. In this framework, Chief, [ ] 25X1A


has met with representatives of OC-S to determine how best to meet the overall dissemination of messages received electrically by the Agency.



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