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1. EXDIR				Chuck — Per our conversation the other day, paragraphs 2 and 3 appear to note the differences in scope.
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NOTE FOR: Director of Data Processing

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1. [   ] briefing on 30 May was interesting and   25X1
provocative as advertised. Thanks for inviting my people. After
picking up bits and pieces of Bill's talk from the OC folks who
attended, I decided to accept your invitation to [   ] to   25X1
respond.   25X1

2. Bill's view of the world in the 1990s and our's differ
considerably. Bill sees the Agency served by a number of
inter-connected host or mainframe computers to which terminals
would be connected. The data communications functions as well as
the data processing functions appear to be primarily controlled
by the hosts.   25X1

3. OC sees a world that includes a large number of terminals
requiring access to large mainframes or hosts. But we also must
serve a larger set of information handling needs that Bill
appears not to address in his proposed "SAFE Architecture". Even
if Bill is not addressing these needs; for example, commo for
scientific computerization, secure video and imagery
transmission, digital voice, word processor communications, we
must.   25X1

4. As [   ] advised us, the trend toward end-users   25X1
exploiting data processing technology is set. Old line
-organizations such as OC and ODP have to get with it and help
components meet their needs. Or we should stand aside and be an
observer of the action. We in OC will not stop this process
toward exploitation of what technology offers. Nor will we force
CIA elements to stand in line waiting support provided in the
traditional and, some would say, outmoded fashion.   25X1

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5.   A philosophical debate would be interesting and useful at another time. Now is the time to get on with the job. OC has been tasked to install a value-added network (LAN or otherwise) in the new Headquarters building and to retrofit the old building. We have already been cautioned by management not to think small. We have a handle on general requirements but have been unable to get your folks to define your needs. The argument of waiting to see what technology will offer will forever delay acquisition of services sorely needed for you and me to meet our respective missions.

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