

THE DIRECTOR OF
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DDCI,

Attached is a briefing book for the meeting of the Vice President's Task Force on Combatting Terrorism to be held on 18 September at 1030-1130 in the Roosevelt Room. I will be pleased to represent you and the Director in the event your schedule cannot permit you to make this meeting.



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Briefing Book for DDCI

In preparation for:

- Meeting Vice President's Task Force on Combatting Terrorism
- 1030, 18 September 1984 in the Roosevelt Room
- To be chaired by the Vice President

Attendees:

The Vice President
Secretary Baker, Mr. Bob Kimmitt
Secretary Weinberger (possible)
Admiral Holloway, Executive Director, LTCMDR Craig Coy
Admiral Poindexter, Lt. Col. Oliver North
Others not yet identified

Note: Attendance is limited to principals plus one. Charles E. Allen, NIO for Counterterrorism and Narcotics, will accompany DDCI.

Subject of Meeting:

- Task Force will be briefed on progress of staff's work to date and problems which it has confronted.
- Admiral Holloway has asked that principals raise topics of concern or matters of information for the Task Force's information.

Possible topics to raise for discussion:

-- CIA is planning to colocate its counterterrorism analysts, operations officers and incident management specialists in a center at its Headquarters Building in Langley. Provision is being made to include, particularly during major terrorist incidents, other specialists such as collection managers and representatives from DIA, NSA and JSOC. This should provide a valuable Community focal point for the conduct of daily counterterrorism business. During crisis periods, the center will expand to 24-hour operation. The center would be in continuous touch with our deployed incident management force [redacted], provide it the very latest all source national intelligence, redirect collection resources in keeping with the changing situation, and provide a single point of information for policy makers. This is more than just the "fusion center" discussed in the past. This is a true national center for intelligence support to counterterrorism.

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--A supplemental appropriation may be necessary if we are to make headway in combatting terrorism. The Intelligence Research and Development Council is currently reviewing technical support requirements for counterterrorism. Its preliminary conclusions [redacted] needed for development of [redacted] specialized equipment. Additional resources will also be required to remedy deficiencies in communications, ADP, foreign assistance programs, etc. The total bill will likely be high, and reprogramming resources from other projects could severely dislocate our overall investment program. Public revulsion over terrorist acts may make a supplemental palatable to Congress. It would certainly be the best solution from the standpoint of existing program commitments.

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--The Department of State representative may outline development of the Diplomatic Security Service, recommended by the Inman Report to, among other things, improve the quality and continuity of security personnel in the Department of State. This may serve as occasion to point out that similar problems exist in Intelligence Community, i.e., specialists in counterterrorism tend to be shunted out of mainstream, forgotten at promotion time. This is significant disincentive for many. Our effectiveness depends on experience of our personnel, however; we will have to cope with this problem somehow.

Task Force Background:

The Vice President's Task Force on Combatting Terrorism was established by NSDD 179. (See tab) It is charged with reviewing and evaluating U.S. policy and programs to combat terrorism. That includes review of:

- national priorities for CT
- responsibilities, accountability, cooperation and coordination of the various government agencies involved
- present laws and law enforcement
- public awareness and support
- resources
- international cooperation

Recommendations are due to the President by the end of 1985.

Organization:

The Task Force is chaired by the Vice President. Membership is shown above under "Attendees".

Admiral J. L. Holloway III serves as the Executive Director and Ambassador Edward L. Peck as the Deputy Director. A Working Group consisting of seven full time members [redacted] (is our representative) provides staff support. It is assisted by a four-man Liaison Group and two consultants.

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A Senior Review Group oversees the Working Group effort and provides guidance to the Executive Director on study matters. (See tab for membership of Senior Review Group.) Charlie Allen, NIO/CT-Narc, represents the DCI on this group.

Work Status

The Working Group has divided its effort along the following lines (see tab for details):

- organization and missions of Executive Branch elements
- legal matters
- consultations with experts
- public affairs and media relations
- congressional relations
- incident management

The Senior Review Group has met once to hear progress reports on the above. Work was still in the formative stages at that point, however, and little of substance was discussed.

The Working Group will be consulting with both government and private sector experts on counterterrorism. (See Tab for complete list of consultations.) It will also travel abroad. Two-man teams will visit Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Principal Milestones

- 18 September - meeting of principals
- 15 October - first issue papers to Review Group
- 30 October - meeting of Review Group to discuss issue papers
- 2 November - meeting of Task Force Principals status report
- 7 November - meeting of Senior Review Group discuss first draft of report
- 5 December - meeting of Senior Review Group on second draft
- 11 December - Semi-final draft to Task Force principals

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--19 December - final draft submitted to Vice President

--20 December - report signed and forwarded to President

(A complete schedule is shown at Tab.)

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