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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: National Security Decision Directive on Narcotics

1. On 22 October 1985, I attended the initial meeting of an interagency working group convened to begin drafting a National Security Decision Directive (NSDD) on the threat posed to US national security by the drug trade. The meeting was chaired by Jim Stark of the NSC Staff. A representative from the President's Commission on Organized Crime, the Office of the Special Assistant to the President for Drug Abuse Policy, and the Departments of State, Treasury, Justice, and Defense also attended. The Chief of Staff, NNBIS, and another member of the NSC Staff, the former Special Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs, also will be added to the working group.

2. As outlined by Jim Stark, the NSDD would be brief, consisting of a statement of the problem and a list of actions directed by the President to address the security implications of the drug trade. The statement of the problem essentially will be gisted from an NIE on the same topic that we hope to coordinate during the next few weeks. Actions required to address the problem are to be developed by the working group; some probably will have resource, policy, and/or budgetary implications for several agencies. A draft of the NSDD is to be ready for consideration by the Cabinet by December.

3. Each member of the working group was asked to develop a set of recommended actions for consideration at the next working group meeting to be held on 1 November. To give you an appreciation of the scope and substance of the NSC's thinking on this, here are some examples of actions that Jim Stark noted had already been discussed among NSC Staff members:

--the National Security Advisor to the President should be a member of the Drug Enforcement Policy Board

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--NSA collection on narcotics should be expanded

--there should be an increased effort to identify insurgent involvement in trafficking;

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--there should be greater involvement of the military in the drug war

--there should be a greater effort to stop drugs moving into the United States in commercial cargo, particularly containerized cargo

--security assistance should be increased to countries threatened by the drug trade.

4. This process is likely to touch on a number of sensitive issues and Intelligence Community equities. Especially with NNBIS coming into the act, there will probably be a push for additional Community support for interdiction and enforcement, and I don't believe members of the working group are sensitive to the limitations of our role. I have other concerns regarding the coordination process involving this NSDD that I will discuss with Charlie Allen. We will, of course, keep you fully informed of all developments regarding the NSDD.

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