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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Director, Intelligence Community Staff  
Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Deputy Director for Operations  
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Critical Intelligence Deficiencies

1. The June 1985 paper turned out by the WSSIC on Critical Intelligence Deficiencies is a formidable piece of work but, I fear, so daunting that it can land with a dull thud and disappear.

2. Certainly without direction and focus on the most urgent of 129 pages of deficiencies and selection of those which are most significant and most readily overcome, the work will wind up having little value.

3. I'd like to activate the most knowledgeable senior people, collectors and analysts, to examine closely the specific deficiencies in the areas where they have knowledge and assets and pick out where we can most profitably concentrate special effort in working and developing existing and potential sources, capabilities, and analytical task forces. I have in mind parceling specific areas out to OWSR branches, their counterparts elsewhere in the Community, and having SIGINT, IMINT, HUMINT operational people review these deficiencies in terms of how their actual and potential assets and capabilities can best be focused on them, etc.

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cc: Chairman, WSSIC

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