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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Creative Problem Solving/Space

REFERENCE: Memo to DDI from DDA, dated 21 DEc 1984,
Subject: Need for Expansion of Printing Plant

1. I appreciate your memorandum on the need to expand the printing plant. You will certainly have my enthusiastic support if you go forward with the project. And we might even be able to help a little with funding later in the year--although not to the tune of [redacted] or anything like it. The problem from my end is that your proposal makes eminent good sense as a long term solution to our printing needs, but it does not address my need, which is for a substantial amount of space in the immediate future.

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The fastest way to get an estimate of the cost probably would be to let us review the specifications proposed in 1982 and eliminate those that are not essential for our purposes. We are ready to do that immediately, and I would like to pursue the idea on an urgent basis at least until we have a realistic cost estimate in hand.

3. In sum, I see no reason why we cannot move forward on both ideas. I am sure that the DI can afford whatever cost is involved in getting an estimate from a contractor for the basement proposal. And I will be glad to do whatever I can to help with the larger project.

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