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NOTE FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT : Meeting with Director, DMA - 15 September 1983

John--

I note that you will be meeting with Adm. Wilkinson on Thursday. One initiative which I have been pushing very hard does involve DMA, and you might wish to raise with him.

As again illustrated by the KAL shootdown, one of the first requirements in any crisis is pulling together the right maps and graphics. Then there is the need to exchange annotated graphics within the community and provide to users such as the White House CMF.

Before assuming this job, I tasked the Information Handling Committee of the IC Staff with developing capabilities for common use throughout the community. The near-term requirement is for video disc geographic data base which could be common to all of the watch centers and which would allow for ease of annotation and communication. The second requirement, which is harder but necessary for the long term, is for DMA to develop a fully digitized geographic data base which would allow for the rapid production/ electrical dissemination of maps of varying scale and complexity.

This appears to be DMA's desired direction as well, and what they are waiting for is a single "community require- ment." We are working with George Rogers to make this happen, although it seems to be taking forever. Beal, in the meantime, is pushing in the same direction. We're trying to keep him involved in the community effort.

You will probably be preaching to the choir, but I'm sure a statement of support will be enthusiastically received.

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