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*DCI of CIA will have formal dinner
Senior - most officials with
intend to tell MIB
with caveat
to*

To: Chairman, NIC

Subject: Support to Military

Bob-

As you well know from my having picked on you wearing your other hat, I am and will remain concerned about support to the military from this Agency. Your comments, and more importantly, your actions lead me to believe that you share this concern. I also have a strong relationship with Jim Williams and do not want to undercut his authority and responsibilities.

There is a relatively fine line we (NIC) must travel to fully exercise our responsibilities without undercutting those of DIA. The attached memo, in my view, concedes too much to DIA. They should be primarily responsible for service dissemination. However, the importance of certain estimates and NIC products to specific commands and senior military dictates that we continue to make selective direct dissemination.

I feel similarly about DDI products and recently proposed that at least "key judgments" be disseminated electrically to the commands. Dick Kerr said it was being done - which is great. Believe we should do similarly.


D.Y. McManis

And if DIA wants to get in the way I'll fight them to the hags.