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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted] CIA/DDI/OGI  
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FROM : David Y. McManis  
National Intelligence Officer for Warning

SUBJECT : Indicators Methodology

1. Indicators methodology has been with the intelligence community for many years and has manifested itself in a number of systems, the most recent of which is the World-Wide Indicators Monitoring System (WWIMS) managed by the Defense Intelligence Agency. The work done by DIA has been prodigious; and with responsibility delegated to the Commands, its potential to provide warning is significant. As noted in the last I&W Working Group meeting at DIA, there are several areas which continue to need significant attention and on which the community is being asked to help.

2. The first of these problems concerns the broadening of the scope of the indicators and, more importantly, the establishing of relationships among the various indicators. Here the work of DI/OGI in political, economic, and instability indicators should be built upon. Also the desire of NSA to ensure that SIGINT provides a meaningful input is most important.

3. The second area which will help in the analysis of indicators and, most particularly, in the drawing of relevant inferences is the application of information handling technology.

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4. Finally, improved training courses need to be developed, particularly as the indicators methodology broadens and becomes more sophisticated, transcending the traditional military indicators.

5. To this end, this office is establishing a National Indicators Methodologies Working Group. It is requested that you nominate one staff officer to work with us on the foregoing

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agenda. Our first meeting is scheduled for 1400 hours on  
28 November 83 at CIA Hqs, Conference Room 5G00. Please pass  
clearances and names to CIA/CIB ATTENTION: NIO/Warning. My  
action officer is

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