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NOTE FOR: Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

FROM : David Y. McManis
National Intelligence Officer for
Warning

SUBJECT : NIO/Warning Year-End Report

General Williams,

After I meet with DCI, will plan to sit
down with you and discuss where we've been and
where we're going. Believe there are some
excellent opportunities ahead of us.


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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : David Y. McManis
National Intelligence Officer for Warning

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1. One year ago I discussed with you a proposed Agenda for my office and stated that I would provide you with a status report in one year which would be the basis for evaluating the decision for continued direction. The attached memorandum summarizes accomplishments; it does not address failures because I don't think we've had any - only frustrations. I will discuss this report with you and also plans for the next year in the very near future.

2. The timing of this report is good because we are finally beginning to see the impact of a number of our initiatives. Most significant is the gradual acceptance of the broader view of warning which you have espoused. This is becoming manifest in our Warning Estimates, the acceptance of our training programs, impact on Continuity of Government, and in the endless requests from operational and intelligence community elements for participation in their activities and comments on relevant programs.

3. The way also seems to be paved for some major movements in the area of indicators methodology. Coupling the spadework of DIA with new directions in CIA/OGI and the desire of NSA to become a player, with the interest of CIA/ORD in providing applied technology, there could well be some major breakthroughs in the next few years.

4. The work with the Operations Centers, as expected, has been successful and gratifying. There is a significant and noticeable improvement in the dialogue among the centers, our training and team building initiatives have been well received, and we are doing much to document the requirements for future systems upgrades.

5. Finally, I would specifically like to commend to you the efforts of Assistant NIO/Warning, who has

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taken a prodigious load upon himself and has added much to our ability to attack the problem, and the efforts of [redacted] of the National Warning Staff, who understands the warning methodologies and system better than anyone in government today. His efforts in working the definitional and doctrinal issues and in developing the National Warning Course have been truly outstanding.

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