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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CIA Operations Center
Chief, National SIGINT Operations Center
Chief, State Operations Center
Director, National Military Intelligence Center
Director, National Military Command Center
Director, White House Situation Room
x Director, White House Communications Agency

SUBJECT: NOIWON Procedures

1. I appreciated the opportunity to meet with the representatives of the agencies participating in the National Operations and Intelligence Watch Officers Net (NOIWON) on 28 May. As you know, there is rising interest in the improvement of our indications and warning capabilities, and NOIWON can, I think, make a significant contribution to this goal.

2. Following the exchange of views at the 28 May meeting, the following modifications to current NOIWON procedures were developed:

a. The chairmanship of the net will rotate, each intelligence center providing a chairman (net controller) for specific periods (perhaps one or two months). CIA has been asked to provide the first chairman so that the Intelligence Community Staff can observe and monitor the operation at first hand during its initial phases.

b. The chairman will be responsible for supervising the creation of an Advisory when he or any two other NOIWON members believe an event so justifies. Each NOIWON member is responsible for the lateral and upward dissemination of the Advisory within his own organization, and the chairman is responsible for assuring dissemination to the White House Situation Room if it had not itself participated in the conference. (Recent events which were subjects of conferences and which would have justified Advisories were the shoot-down of a U.S. helicopter in Korea and the Palestinian terrorist attack on an Israeli school.)

c. Narrative information concerning an event which is the subject of an Advisory should be provided under COMMENTS (line 15) on the NOIWON form whenever appropriate. The COMMENTS section should also include remarks concerning any actions being taken to acquire additional information.

3. My staff and I welcome suggestions for increasing the utility of the NOIWON operation. We will be conducting a formal review of NOIWON in October 1974. We hope by that time that it will have proved its value to both the intelligence and operational communities.

Daniel O. Graham
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