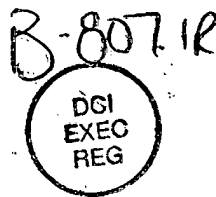


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Director-Designate, Drug Control Policy
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Howard Hart

VIA: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Establishment of a Counternarcotics Center Within CIA

REFERENCE: Executive Director's Memorandum to the DCI, dated
18 January 1989, on Organizing the Agency's
Counternarcotics Effort

1. Pursuant to my decision to establish a Counternarcotics Center in CIA, you are hereby assigned responsibility to establish and head such a Center within the Intelligence Directorate. You will also be my Special Assistant for Counternarcotics. Your first task will be to organize the Center and develop a table of organization and staffing, using the DI's present International Narcotics Division and the DO's Counternarcotics Group as the nucleus of the new organization. There should be direct, full-time participation by appropriate DA, DS&T, and OGC personnel, and steps should be taken to obtain direct NSA, DEA, and FBI participation as soon as possible. Total complement should not exceed 80 at the outset, including up to 15 new positions.

2. You should also develop a mission and functions statement and an Employee Notice for my signature describing the new Center, its purpose, the steps we are taking to strengthen the Agency's--and the Community's--counternarcotics effort, and my personal support for and expectations with respect to the Center.

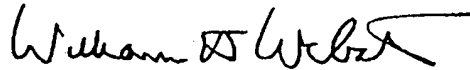
3. The above steps should be taken within four weeks, and should be worked out in cooperation with the four Directorates, the National Intelligence Council, and the Office of General Counsel. As soon thereafter as possible, you should also:

- Develop a plan to implement the counternarcotics strategy outlined at reference, for my review.
- Develop a job description for yourself, along the lines suggested at reference, including the stimulation of greater interagency cooperation and participation in the requirements, collection, and dissemination process for counternarcotics intelligence.

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- In cooperation with the Intelligence Community Staff, develop a recommendation for me regarding the establishment of an interagency counternarcotics committee, which you would chair.
- In cooperation with the Office of Logistics, develop a plan for collocating all elements of the Center within the Headquarters complex as soon as possible.



William H. Webster

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