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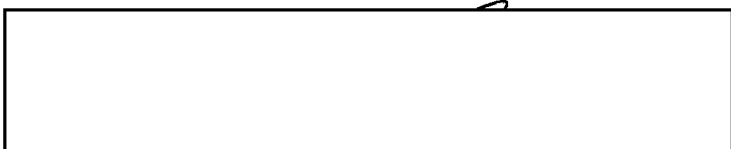
Headquarters
CIA Building
ATTN: Mr. Richard Lehman
Office D/DCI/NI
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Lehman,

As you know, the reorganization of Defense Intelligence this year has included the establishment of a Defense Intelligence Board and three subordinate panels: the Producer, Resource and User Panels. The User Panel presents a unique opportunity to articulate the needs of the consumer, while providing insight to the consumer of the capabilities of the intelligence producer community. The current membership of the User Panel is at TAB A.

Members of the User Panel have indicated that it would be useful to them to receive a briefing on the National Intelligence Estimate process. An outline of this issue is at TAB B. Such a briefing would allow a much more knowledgeable judgment on their part of the satisfaction the current process engenders. Accordingly I am writing to request such a briefing from your staff. The time most useful to us would be 10 November at 1400 in the Pentagon office of Ambassador McAuliffe (ISA), Room 4E813.

If you can oblige us, I would appreciate a telephone call (695-1090) to work out details.



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Executive Secretary to the
Defense Intelligence Board

Enclosures 2
List of DIB User Panel Members
NIE Briefing Outline

On file OSD release instructions apply.

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DIB USER PANEL MEMBERS

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TAB A

PROPOSED OUTLINE OF
NIE BRIEFING

- Address the Purpose of the NIE from the Intelligence Community's Viewpoint
- Summarize the NIE Process
- Review NIE Classification Criteria
- Discuss Known Deficiencies in the NIE Process
- Summarize On-going Corrective Actions

TAB B

Briefing given by Howard Stoertz and

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on 10 November 1976