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MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard Lehman
D/DCI/NI

SUBJECT : DDI Executive Council Meeting

1. I have been attending the DDI Executive Council morning meetings while we are somewhat shorthanded. Despite the summer doldrums, Sayre Stevens commented on recent meetings of the Executive Advisory Group (EAG) that I thought would be of interest.

2. The EAG is beginning to think about and to define Agency goals in the sense of long-range planning, i.e., as long as ten years out, an admittedly neglected activity, according to Sayre. He thought DDI managers should be giving more thought to such issues as:

a) information handling (how does project SAFE and other systems all come together in ten years)

b) CIA's presentation problem and ways to "jazz up production". Do we "piddle a few thousand here or there" or make a major commitment to tackle the whole problem?

c) Where should CIA go in handling "outer space" problems?

d) Sayre has a special interest in R&D problems and feels the DDI should in some way be involved. He stated that most of ORD's '78 R&D program responds to requests outside of DDS&T, which is correct. The problem is how to handle the proliferation of requests from lower levels where the problems originate and not lose sight of high-level problems that deserve funding.

He noted that the DDO has a particular "communications problem" and that most of their budget could go to working on that alone. He lauded [redacted] "first-rate job to bridge the gap between DDO and the technical world" in fashioning requirements on R&D in particle beam weapons, ASW, etc. and in certain black box developments. [redacted] has done more than anyone else in this area.

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3. If the EAG spawns more focused thinking on long-range planning for the Agency, it probably will be worth following their deliberations.





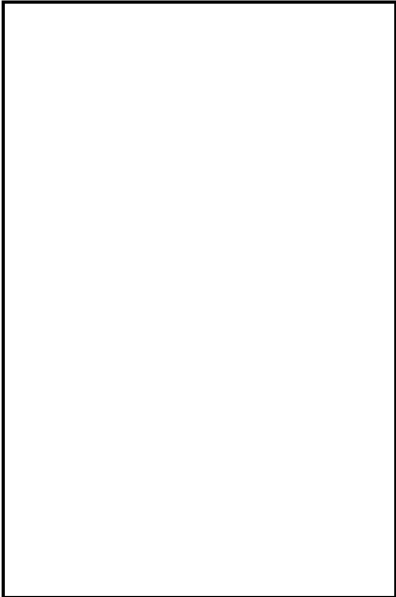
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Communist		
Geographic		
Geographic/Environmental		
Scientific		
Civil technology		
Life scientist		
Technical		
Weapons development		NIO/SP
Energy matters		
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South & Southeast Asia		NIO/SSEAAF "
Africa		NIO/SSEAAF
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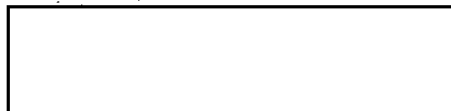
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		NIO/SP	

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