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Memorandum for Record:

11 January 1991

SUBJECT: Project SUN STREAK

Reference: Memorandum S-490/DT, 12 December 1990, subject as above. (Enclosure)

1. The reference was our initial effort to do a comprehensive and systematic evaluation and assessment of DT-S' reports. A review of the reference will reveal that our efforts fell short in a number of areas, and we were unable to get definitive evaluations in order to prepare a comprehensive assessment of this particular project. Our assessor, [redacted], had identified a number of actions in the reference that were required to complete our comprehensive program successfully.

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2. On 3 January, [redacted], and I met with [redacted] to review shortcomings in our procedures. As a result of that meeting, it was agreed:

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- DB would provide an action officer to us with whom [redacted] could deal directly. This would allow us to obtain clarification on evaluations immediately, identify shortfalls in evaluations, and permit a senior staff dialogue to ensure the overall evaluations and assessments were accomplished in the most successful manner possible.
- Some of our procedures were too burdensome and needed streamlining.
- We need to assess whether our quantifiable answer categories should be expanded to reflect the range of uncertainty when one is evaluating a DT-S report.
- We need to reaccomplish the original tasking, updating it as necessary to the current situation.

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3. [redacted] identified [redacted] as his action officer. [redacted] and [redacted] and I have reviewed the project, and [redacted] has pledged his full support. In a subsequent meeting, [redacted] recommended that we not try to rectify and/or clarify the ambiguities and incomplete data reflected in the reference, but rather reinitiate the project with duplicate questions where they are still germane to the current situation. I agreed with this recommendation, and tasking will be so drafted to DT-S.

4. For our historical records and lessons learned, we need to capture the shortfalls we experienced when we first set up these procedures. I will task DT-S to prepare a closeout report on this episode, in conjunction with DT-3, after the new tasking is completed by DT-S (we cannot forward the enclosed memorandum or any other pertinent information on the first results). DT-S knows they will be retasked to do the same subjects, and we must ensure objectivity in their reporting.

1 Enclosure
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