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SUBJECT: CT and CI Centers

1. To review the bidding, [redacted] Ted Price and I have called on both Buck Revell and Peter Burleigh -- Doug Mulholland is on vacation. Our general pitch has been that Director Casey set up the CT and CI NIO accounts to get things started; he intended to cancel them once the community became active. That has now happened. In addition, both NIO accounts suffer from being cut off from operational information. Merging all NIO functions except estimate writing into the Centers will reunite the community representative with operational information to the advantage of both.

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2. [redacted] Price explained to both Revell and Burleigh how they plan to staff the new function; namely, with slots transferred from the NIC. The Community representative in each Center would be a senior SIS officer and he or she would be supported by a small staff. State was invited to supply an officer for the CT Center.

3. Revell appeared supportive and asked only a few questions. Burleigh's counterterrorism people were initially reluctant, but seemed somewhat mollified when they heard that sizable community elements would be set up in the Centers using slots transferred from the NIC. Burleigh will convey the sense of the meeting to Mulholland and I urged him to ask Mulholland to call Fritz if he had any questions. He almost certainly does.

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5. I suspect that in the end all will be supportive except Mulholland. His problem is keeping INR in the Counterterrorism and Counterintelligence game. In the former he competes with Bushby who I'm told runs circles around INR; and in the latter State does not really play at all in the interagency arena. Therefore anything we can do to show Mulholland that INR will gain in the new arrangements will probably soften his objections. In any case, I believe we have gone too far to back down or stop. One agency should not be allowed to block a move that makes good sense for everyone else.

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