MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR AL HAIG

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Selection of a New DCI

The two most important decisions with respect to the effective implementation of the President's reorganization of the intelligence community are:

-- Is Helms to be replaced now (or in the Spring after his sixtieth birthday)?

-- If so, what are the characteristics of his replacement?

These may be questions now under consideration. I would hope so. If Helms is replaced, I suggest:

- -- That the new DCI be brought in from the outside.
- -- Be someone the President likes and trusts personally.
- -- Have strong management capabilities. If he has some intelligence background that is a plus, but not essential.

It will be important to brief a new DCI before he takes over. Preparations should be made for a meeting between HAK and a new DCI.

I hope that you are involved in this matter if it is an active issue.

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