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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Latimer and Slack

1. Tom Latimer and John Slack of DoD met with me this morning at their request to pursue CFI topics. [redacted] joined in. 25X1

2. There were two primary concerns, one having to do with the nature of the CFI Staff, it being reasonably clear that DoD authorities foresee some sort of joint staffing. The other topic was making sure there is agreement as to what constitutes the NFIP and the cycles to be employed as the CFI does its job. Related to the latter topic was a question in DoD minds about OMB.

3. We dealt with the latter point first, knowing that the CFI had agreed unanimously at its first meeting that there was no room for OMB in this process until CFI had completed its look. OMB will not be accredited as a member or observer of CFI and the IC Staff will follow normal DoD practices in relationships with OMB. Latimer and Slack were obviously relieved.

4. With regard to staffing, I said that all of us appreciated DoD willingness to help and in due course we would be looking for as much support as we can get. In the meantime, however, there are three specific problems. A new Community deputy has yet to be appointed and I personally do not wish to foreclose his options to any significant extent before he comes aboard. Second, it is clear that there is a need to reorganize the IC Staff. Staffing will depend upon the nature of the reorganization which, of course, will require the approval of the DCI and CFI. Third, the IC Staff by its nature is a Community Staff and is not to be exclusively CIA and DoD. It needs representation from State and others and this must be preserved.

5. In the meantime, we agreed among us that there will be a need for the closest kind of working relationships, particularly on programmed budgetary matters between the IC Staff and DoD officers working together both here and in the Pentagon.

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6. As for the budget cycles and the "process" to be employed, it was agreed that a joint paper would be developed to describe problems and what we are doing to solve them. This paper is to be served up as a status report at this week's meeting of the CFI. Looking ahead to next week's meeting of the CFI, we will have for its consideration a joint paper setting forth agreements, disagreements, and options pertaining to the definition of the NFIP and the process which will govern the work of the CFI Staff in getting the job done.

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