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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications

THROUGH : Executive Director
Deputy Director (Support)

1. Reference the attached memorandum, I had a long discussion with General O'Meara in the presence of Dick Helms and [redacted]. The only reason a communicator was not present was that we didn't know O'Meara was going to bring this subject up and I had assumed all was tranquil in his shop as regards his communications plan.

2. General O'Meara said that the program was further behind now than when he had originally conceived of it some twenty months ago, that he was getting no place and that he really couldn't find out whom to put the finger on. Accordingly he was scattering his complaints all over town, in the hope that sooner or later they would hit the people who were responsible for dragging their feet.

3. Fortunately I was able to respond to most of his problems in accordance with the attached memorandum, which I did. I got the impression that while he thought CIA might have originally been blocking his plan, he now felt that we were behind it. He seems convinced that the State Department is against it as well as certain areas in the Pentagon.

4. [redacted] I told him that we felt that a reasonable degree of redundancy was necessary and desirable but that we always had the Bureau of the Budget to contend with.

5. General O'Meara showed me a copy of a message of 29 June from the Ambassador [redacted] to the Department of State

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indicating that the Ambassador was not enthusiastic about O'Meara's plan to establish some communications there now.

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6. I do not know where we go from here but I do know that General O'Meara left in a better frame of mind insofar as relationships with the Agency are concerned -- he still appeared disenchanted with the State Department and some elements of the Pentagon. I subsequently suggested to General Krulak that he get in the act which he said he would do.

7. Please keep me informed as developments occur.

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