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From: Director of Naval Intelligence
To: Director of Central Intelligence

Subj: 1963 Soviet Interfleet Exercise (S)

1. In view of the somewhat repetitive Soviet naval procedure of mounting major fleet exercises in the North Atlantic/Norwegian Sea during the summer months, the Chief of Naval Operations has undertaken considerable advance planning for a coordinated surveillance effort against such an exercise if it takes place in 1963. As a result of this planning, the pertinent fleet commands and subordinate elements are developing, in conjunction with comparable elements in the U.K. and Norway, a coordinated surveillance effort against the Soviet exercise.
2. From the outset, intelligence requirements have been used as guidance by the planners. While the overall objective is to determine the nature of Soviet defense against the fast carrier force, including both the means of defense and the necessary interrelationship between these means, primary emphasis is being placed on Soviet submarine tactics and doctrine. An ancillary objective is to obtain the best possible hydroacoustic data on the variety of Soviet submarines deployed for later use in direct support of SOSUS.
3. We have of course been somewhat presumptive in our planning; the Soviets may not exercise this summer. On the other hand, there is no alternative since even the possibility of such an exercise, with its anticipated intelligence yield, necessitates preparing for it. In this connection, when it is determined that the exercise is about to commence, we intend to deploy a variety of surveillance forces, some of which are quite sophisticated, from several different areas. Timely deployment of these forces, plus associated operational and intelligence back-up elements, is almost completely dependent upon the adequacy of intelligence indicative of when the exercise will take place. We have, therefore, placed great emphasis upon obtaining as much advance information of the exercise as possible.
4. The purpose of this memorandum is two fold i.e., to notify you of our planning, and to request any support your organization may be able to provide. Full details of the U.S., U.K., and Norwegian planning to date can be made available at your convenience. A representative from my office

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during visits to the Naval Attaches in Oslo and Copenhagen, briefly described our objectives to your respective representatives, and their cooperative and interested attitude was very much appreciated. Any further support which your organization could provide, particularly in the area of advance information, would also be greatly appreciated.



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