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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Possible Problems Involving Department of Defense

1. The request of Mr. McCone and General Carter on 16 April that any matters potentially involving problems with DOD be brought to your attention caused me to wonder if the following is appropriate for consideration. For some time it has been apparent that the procedures for coordinating the release of intelligence to Congress and its various ramifications is not coordinated on a regular basis. Consequently, I prepared a draft for discussion purposes and raised it with General [redacted] and his group. A copy of this draft is attached.

2. While the problem is certainly broader than DOD/CIA relationships, nevertheless the greater portion of the problem is involved with DOD. I might draw your attention to the question of reviewing transcripts both for release to the public and also simple editing and supplying answers for the record. In this connection you will recall that for the first time Mr. Mahon as Chairman of the Defense Subcommittee on Appropriations asked CIA assistance in reviewing for security the intelligence aspects of DOD presentations to that Subcommittee. Accordingly, well over 2000 pages have been so reviewed. In addition, Senator Russell has exhibited concern on the question of transcripts of DOD witnesses which involve intelligence matters being sent to the Pentagon and specifically stated that next year he was going to ask CIA to review such transcripts for deletion of sensitive intelligence matters prior to release of the transcripts to the Pentagon. General [redacted] has asked his staff to consider the various aspects of this problem and expects to

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indicate some reaction by the end of next week. Certainly at this point I do not have a solution for the problem and the purpose of my paper was merely to start the ball rolling to see if there were general agreement on the nature of the problem. In any event, I send this forward for your information and whatever suggestions you might have as to the next step on this.

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Attachment

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