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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: War Gaming of Intelligence Activities

1. This memorandum recommends action by the Director of Central Intelligence as stated in paragraph 5, below.

2. Background:

a. Recommendation No. 3 of the Report to the President by the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities, dated 20 December 1956, stated: "We urge that action be expedited to bring planning for intelligence activities in time of war to the highest feasible state of readiness and that a realistic war gaming of them begin as soon as possible." Beginning 1 May 1957, the Director of Central Intelligence and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, have submitted progress reports on the implementation of this recommendation at six months' intervals.

b. After receipt of the joint report, dated 14 February 1959, the President directed the submission of semiannual joint progress reports beginning 1 September 1959, with particular emphasis on provision of CIA support of the Military in wartime and of the war gaming contemplated in the recommendation.

3. The attached draft report has been prepared jointly by members of my staff and the Joint Staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. A copy of this draft has been considered by all Clandestine Services staffs and divisions concerned, as well as the offices of the DD/C [redacted], the IG [redacted] and the DD/I [redacted]. It is now being staffed within the Joint Staff and is expected to be approved by General Twining and submitted to the DCI for concurrence and signature very shortly.

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4. The results of the testing showed that the plans and procedures by which CIA will provide wartime support to the Military are feasible and adequate. Further, the CIA has the present capability to provide

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minimum essential support to the Military in the presently nondenied European and Pacific areas.

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5. If the final version of this report agrees substantially with the attached draft, we recommend your signature.

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1 Attachment w/original only
Draft Report

cc: DDCI
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