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TO : Chief, COAPS

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FROM : Assistant Director, OSI

SUBJECT: Inter-agency intelligence operating procedure for permanent Watch Committee

REFERENCE: Attachment to AD/ORE memo, undated, subject: Critical National Intelligence Objectives

1. OSI concurs in the views as expressed by the AD/ORE that the permanent Watch Committee should be established without delay and with the procedure submitted by AD/ORE in this connection.

2. It is felt however, that the Watch Committee would be strengthened if certain additions were made to paragraph 9; specifically, the mechanism, timing, and channel for disseminating Watch Committee information. Although paragraph 4 describes the procedures for production, nowhere in paragraph 9 does it state that urgent matters will be brought to the attention of a specific individual such as the DCI, nor does it indicate that the Watch Committee has responsibility for insuring the immediate advising of the DCI and other responsible officials.

3. It is suggested that there be inserted after paragraph 9 a (1)

"Advise the Director, Central Intelligence Agency immediately with respect to any items of urgency coming to his attention", or

"Advise the Director, Central Intelligence Agency, and, through the Watch Committee Members, Chiefs of the other intelligence agencies of items of urgency coming to his attention".

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