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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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THROUGH : Vice Chairman
National Intelligence Council

FROM : David D. Gries
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SUBJECT : Proposed Meeting with Narcotics Core Group

1. Last December you met with a core group of narcotics intelligence program managers. If you agree, I would like to hold a similar meeting in late December this year. Coordination within the narcotics community has come a long way since we last met with you, but the encouragement and recognition that program managers would derive from another such meeting is still needed. I propose that this year we confine the discussions to the most important topic before us today; namely, the sharing of narcotics intelligence information among concerned agencies.

2. Forty-five minutes is all the time that would be required. An agenda might look something like this:

-- Statement of the Issue (NIO): More narcotics intelligence is being shared among agencies than ever before, but there is still room for improvement.

-- The Problem (INR): We do not lack intelligence, but do lack a system for sharing intelligence. It is difficult to promote sharing because many of the agencies concerned have different traditions and regulations, security procedures and ways of doing their jobs.

-- Discussion (DEA, CIA, Customs, Coast Guard, NSA): DEA, NSA, and DDO have functioning intelligence sharing systems in place. Customs has completed a survey of its problem and is starting to train its personnel on how to produce intelligence reports that can be shared. Coast Guard has set aside funds to hire trainers to set up a similar system. NSA has unique problems and unique solutions.

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-- Results (DEA, DDI): Analysts have more intelligence material to work with, but they could do a better job if all pertinent information was shared. There are many examples of information not shared that should be shared.

-- 1984 Agenda (NIO): During 1984 information sharing systems should be established in all agencies. Agencies should also train a cadre of their own officers to keep the system running.

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