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BRIEFING NOTES REGARDING NPIC'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH CIA AND DOD

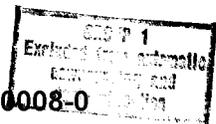
1. CIA Responsibility for NPIC

Pursuant to Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, which established the Central Intelligence Agency, NSCID #8 was approved by the President on 18 January 1961. This directive states that "A National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) shall be provided as a service of common concern by the Director of Central Intelligence ..." for the purpose of, "... ensuring the most effective, timely, and economic exploitation of photography as a source for foreign intelligence relating to the national security ...."

2. DOD Responsibility in the Photo Interpretation Field

NSCID #8 also states that, "... departments and agencies represented on the U.S. Intelligence Board shall continue to be individually responsible for photographic interpretation and the production of photographic intelligence in support of established departmental or agency responsibilities ... the production of intelligence, such as, warning intelligence, orders of battle, estimates, technical intelligence, precise geodetic data, ... maps, charts ... or other targeting materials ...."

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3. Problems Confronting the Intelligence Community as a Result of Competing Photographic Interpretation Organizations or Overlapping Functions

a. Decentralized reporting precludes delivery of a timely coordinated P.I. product to the Chairman of USIB and destroys the intent of NSCID #8 to promote "... a coordinated interdepartmental approach to the exploitation of photographic intelligence ..."

b. Duplication of services of common concern such as immediate reporting, plotting, indexing, film evaluation, special photogrammetric services, accessions, briefing aids, computer programming, etc. is a needless waste of manpower and money.

c. Multiple development and procurement of highly specialized and costly exploitation equipment precludes sensible and economical governmental procurement.

d. Intra-governmental competition prevents the economical and effective use of highly skilled personnel already in short supply.

4. Solution for Problems Stated Above

The intent of the President and the National Security Council in approving NSCID #8 was clear; i.e. "... that there should be no other center duplicating the functions of the NPIC and that the military services and other departments and agencies should state clearly to the NPIC their particular requirements."

The DCI has taken all possible steps to discharge his responsibilities under NSCID #8 including the provision of modern facilities, financial and personnel support and logistic services. The next steps to be taken by the Department of Defense are (1) filing of its particular requirements, (2) providing appropriate personnel

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to the Center as previously agreed with the DCI and (3) if maximum use of the Center's facilities is to be realized, and to avoid most of the aforementioned problems, co-locate the departmental P.I. activities of both DIA and CIA at NPIC. In summary, the solution of these problems is for the Secretary of Defense to support the provisions and intent of NSCID #8.

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