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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted] 25X1
Chairman, Interagency Group/Countermeasures

SUBJECT: Interagency Group/Countermeasures - Tasking on National Policy on Damage Assessments

1. Pursuant to Interagency Group/Countermeasures tasking, the Unauthorized Disclosures Investigations Subcommittee (UDIS) of the DCI Security Committee, at my request, prepared a report entitled "Points for Consideration Relative to a National Policy on Damage Assessments." The report was reviewed and unanimously agreed to by all of the UDIS members who attended the 8 October 1982 UDIS meeting (Air Force, Army, CIA, DIA, Energy, FBI, SAFSS, Treasury and Navy). A copy of the UDIS report is forwarded herewith for your reference.

2. The UDIS members have now formally responded in writing to the Chairman of the Security Committee, setting out in detail their organizations' positions with respect to the establishment of a national policy on damage assessments. A copy of those comments is also forwarded herewith.

3. In essence, there is agreement among the UDIS members that Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) Directive No. 1 (32 CFR Part 2001) provides appropriate policy on damage assessments and that agency heads should be responsible for handling their own damage assessments. There is also a consensus favoring some sort of sharing of lessons learned from damage assessments.

4. It was suggested that a selective sharing of damage assessment information through means of a newsletter such as the Air Force now publishes might be appropriate. Air Force, Army, Justice, Navy and the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) provided supporting comments in this regard. The OSD specifically recommended that the Security Awareness Subcommittee of the SECOM be charged to examine the value of sharing damage assessment data from a lessons-learned perspective.

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5. Judicious sharing within the Intelligence Community of data learned from damage assessments seems to me reasonable enough, provided that the data base itself does not become a source for "leakers." To share the information effectively we must, I believe, first determine what data elements would be included, how the information would be controlled, and who would absorb the associated costs both in dollars and manpower.

6. I recommend, therefore, that the Unauthorized Disclosures Investigations Subcommittee of SECOM be tasked to prepare a plan of action on sharing damage assessment information among appropriate agencies of the Federal Government. When and if agreement is reached on an appropriate mechanism for such sharing, I would suggest that the DCI Security Committee be designated the central repository of the information thus obtained.

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CIA Member, Interagency Group/Countermeasures

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