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We firmly agree with the opening paragraphs of the DRAFT NSDD. We at CIA are particularly concerned about the security of Automated Information Systems and as many of you are aware Ruth Davis is conducting work for the Intelligence Community in this field.

We share the belief that the fields of Telecommunications and Automated Information Systems are coming together. However the field of Telecommunications Security is mature. The field of Automated Information Systems Security is by contrast in its infancy.

We would prefer to see the topic of Telecommunications Security and Automated Information Systems Security dealt with in two distinct but related NSDDs. However we can live with a well-structured single NSDD.

Having said this, our serious concerns with the DRAFT NSDD are that it brings two areas together too abruptly, creates one National Manager for <u>both</u> and then proceeds to centralize procurement, programming and budgeting. These proposed steps, we believe, do not adequately recognize the DCI's statutory responsibilities and authorities. The DRAFT NSDD can be interpreted as diluting the DCI's responsibilities regarding formulation of the NFIP and impact on Intelligence Community priorities. The DRAFT implies that the National Manager will

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have full responsibility for assessing and disseminating hostile threat information which can be interpreted as reducing the analytical missions of CIA and other organizations. And, the DRAFT implies that the DCI shall "coordinate" unique requirements pertaining to the protection of Intelligence Sources and Methods with the National Manager and others. This latter step may tend to breakdown compartmentation with respect to Intelligence Sources and Methods which the DCI is charged with maintaining.

We believe the DRAFT NSDD is a good starting point and will work to reach a consensus on a new NSDD or two. But we believe that a new NSDD, or two, would be more easily digested and implemented if they were evolutionary in tone bringing together the fields of Telecommunications Security and Automated Information Systems Security in the course of the next few years.

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