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MEMORANDUM FOR: ADDI

Please sign the accompanying memorandum. I believe the distribution of Bob's remarks will help reinforce the importance of the external research exchange.

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INTELLIGENCE PRODUCERS COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM FOR: Intelligence Producers Council

SUBJECT: Status of External Research Information Exchange

In response to a request by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence for a status report on external research coordination, Bob Gates presented a summary of activities to the SSCI Budget Subcommittee on 28 February 1984. The summary, at attachment, is provided for your information.

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Richard J. Kerr
Chairman

Attachment:
as stated

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EXTERNAL RESEARCH: THE COMMUNITY APPROACH

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IN JULY 1983 THE INTELLIGENCE PRODUCERS COUNCIL, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, ESTABLISHED A FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON INTELLIGENCE-RELATED EXTERNAL RESEARCH. THE PURPOSE OF THIS FORUM IS FOURFOLD:

(1) TO ENSURE THAT SENIOR PRODUCTION MANAGERS, AS WELL AS ANALYSTS AND OTHER INTERESTED OFFICIALS, BECOME AWARE OF THE KINDS OF STUDIES THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED AND IN PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, AND THAT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE LIBRARY SYSTEM.

(2) TO ENSURE THAT PRODUCTION MANAGERS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THOUGHTFUL DECISIONS ON WHETHER TO INITIATE OR CONTINUE A PROJECT, TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT EFFORT WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, TO MODIFY A CONTRACT TO COMPLEMENT OTHER WORK IN PROGRESS, OR TO TERMINATE OR SUSPEND A CONTRACT IN LIGHT OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY ANOTHER ORGANIZATION.

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(3) To encourage a more active dialogue among participants at all levels in the production process.

(4) To increase the volume of contract studies available through various repositories. 25X1

Participation in this forum includes CIA, DIA, NSA, State/INR, the four military services, the IC Staff, and the five DCI Production Committees. The Director of DOD Contract Studies and Management Services is periodically consulted on matters such as non-NFIP intelligence research and the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC). Information on intelligence-related research topics sponsored by the Department of Energy and the Defense Nuclear Agency is made available to the participants.

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The process for information exchange involves preparation and distribution of periodic status reports (monthly, quarterly, or semiannually depending on the program manager) of ongoing or recently completed studies. Points of contact are included to encourage dialogues among interested analysts, COTRS, or managers. CBJB pages are forwarded to the participants to ensure that all managers are aware of proposals submitted for funding.

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ALTHOUGH THIS COMMUNITY-WIDE PROCESS IS STILL DEVELOPING, THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT IT WILL BE A VERY SUCCESSFUL MECHANISM FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, AND PRODUCTION. CIA'S COTRS, FOR INSTANCE, ARE BEING DIRECTED TO ENSURE THAT A COPY OF EACH CONTRACT STUDY IS SENT TO THE OFFICE OF CENTRAL REFERENCE (SO LONG AS SECURITY RESTRICTIONS PERMIT). DIALOGUES AMONG ANALYSTS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE. PERIODIC COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP SESSIONS ARE CONVENED TO DISCUSS OR COORDINATE RESEARCH IN SUCH AREAS AS FOREIGN AEROSPACE WEAPONS R&D, SOVIET DEFENSE INDUSTRIES AND SOVIET PROCESSES AND RESOURCES. ONE CIA PROJECT WAS SUSPENDED PENDING THE COMPLETION OF A STATE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT (COUNTRY TRADE PRACTICES). 25X1

CIA ALSO PARTICIPATES IN A NUMBER OF REGULARLY FUNDED JOINT CONTRACT PROJECTS THAT INVOLVE THE DEPARTMENTS OF ENERGY, DEFENSE, AND STATE. 25X1
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MORE STUDIES ARE BECOMING MORE USEFUL BECAUSE OF GREATER AWARENESS ON THE PART OF ANALYSTS. CIA OCCASIONALLY IS ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CONTRACT EFFORTS PREPARED UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS. IN THESE CASES, WE COMPLEMENT WORK

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AS A MATTER OF GENERAL INTEREST, THERE ARE ABOUT 200 RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PROGRESS SPONSORED BY CIA, DIA, AND STATE/INR. OF THESE, ALMOST HALF FOCUS ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL MATTERS OR SOPHISTICATED WEAPON SYSTEMS ANALYSES. MOST OF THE BALANCE ADDRESS POLITICAL, GENERAL MILITARY, AND ECONOMIC ISSUES. [redacted] 25X1

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