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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Crisis Management Working Group Session, 9 July 1976

1. I arrived at the hour and a half long session just as the group's chairman, Mr. Carver, was concluding a discussion on the four stages of crisis he intends to contemplate in his study. The group is asked to think what the DCI's role would be in each of these stages, what sort of national situation report would be produced, and what sort of tasking would be made on the Intelligence Community for a future discussion at a meeting on Monday.

2. There followed a discussion of the current inadequacies of the mechanism for producing interagency situation reports. The member from the IC Staff briefed the group on a paper he is currently writing which will recommend that a permanent secretariat, serving the DCI, be established for task forces. This secretariat would see to all the needs of a task force in advance of its being formed and then would service it once in operation. Mr. Carver and several other members of the group indicated a belief that such a secretariat should be responsible to the D/DCI/NI, whose responsibility interagency situation reports must be.

3. There was a brief discussion of the fact that an NIO during a crisis must not be just a substantive adviser to the DCI, but must be primarily a manager of collection resources. Mr. Kerr suggested that the new collection system will force a facing up to this question.

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