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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Strategic Warning Staff (U)

1. (S) I thought you would be interested in a progress report on the Strategic Warning Staff which, as you know, began operations on 3 March. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] 25X1 We are especially pleased that State and Navy are considering participation, as they have not been represented in the NIC in recent years. [redacted] 25X1

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2. (S) We plan to prepare a monthly report for you on developments of interest in the strategic warning field. We will solicit contributions from the community while reserving the right to put forward our own interpretations or syntheses. We will set up an informal coordinating process to surface any major disagreements and these will of course be noted. In this way we will strive to avoid the least common denominator approach. USIB might then find a discussion of the report to be useful especially in those instances where we are able to project a bit into the future or discuss gaps in our knowledge of a given situation.

3. (S) We will also prepare information reports for you from time to time when we think we can add a little more depth or perspective to the current reporting on matters of strategic warning interest. Additionally we hope to do some digging on some of the key indicators and publish the findings as research reports.

4. (S) Most importantly we will be constantly on the lookout for material in the daily traffic that would cause us to issue a strategic warning notice to you that the Soviet Union, the Warsaw Pact, the PRC or North Korea is considering military action by its armed forces beyond its borders, or is employing its military capabilities beyond its borders in ways that might threaten military confrontation with the U. S.

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5. (U) We have discussed all of the above with General Wilson who has made valuable suggestions and agrees this is a good way to proceed.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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