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National Intelligence Council

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT : NNBIS Coordinating Board Meeting

1. Admiral Murphy chaired a Coordinating Board meeting on 22 November. The Executive Board will meet in mid-December.

2. Most agencies reported improved operations in the NNBIS Centers, but concurred in the need for further refinement. The heads of some of the Centers will be invited to Washington to attend the Executive Board meeting in December.

3. The Vice President recently visited the New York Center, and was impressed. By contrast, our [redacted] training team has just returned from New York and reported that, although enthusiastic, the Center members did not have a clear understanding of their mission, nor the tools to accomplish stepped-up interdiction.

4. Coast Guard twice requested that development of the Centers not disrupt existing command relationships, meaning the coordinator of a Center should not be empowered to give line orders to the Commander of the Coast Guard (or Customs or DEA) district in which the Center is located.

5. The FBI was concerned that some domestic legal issues had not been addressed, such as search and seizure problems. None of the issues raised appeared to have anything to do with the legal problems the Intelligence Community confronts in narcotics work.

6. DEA reported no significant problems. (In the field, DEA has plenty of significant problems, to the extent that their local people are not cooperating fully with the Centers.)

7. FAA and Customs made brief presentations on expanded use of radar and air ops respectively. Within a few years, FAA radars will be able to see

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everything entering the US above 500 feet, and will have the capability to analyze the information at a central point. Until then, it will remain haphazard -- good detection capabilities in some areas bounded by other areas that are completely uncovered. Customs' air is slowly upgrading its equipment and expanding its capabilities.



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