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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT : Project DTPILLAR

1. The project outline for DTPILLAR was received Monday, 14 Sept 53. This has allowed time for a general review prior to submission to the PRC on 16 Sept 53, but no opportunity for resolving differences of opinion re operational proposals or budgetary analysis.

2. Our brief review indicates the project is heavily over-budgeted. This perhaps will be compensated for by the imposed budget ceiling of [] in contrast to the [] [] requested for FY'54.

3. It is believed that detailed comparison of FE's Program with DTPILLAR will reveal overlap of effort in some areas and disproportionate efforts in others, apart from any system of priorities.

4. The control of operational expenditures and particularly the approval of planned projects for DTPILLAR appear to be subject to fewer restrictions than imposed on the regular clandestine service elements. While this project resembles a program in its form of presentation, it would appear desirable that a more definitive outline similar to that now required for project proposals be submitted for each operational unit of DTPILLAR. As it stands now the administrative procedures are highly inconsistent and should be standardized. Breakdown of DTPILLAR into more specific project proposals would provide a better insight on which to pass judgments and a foundation for continual functional reassessment based on a system of periodic reporting.

5. We have taken action to centralize contingency funds of the area divisions at the DD/P level in order that global priorities may be better serviced within budget limitations. It would appear logical, therefore, that a contingency fund should be centralized for DTPILLAR under the control of DD/P and eliminate the various sums proposed for "Program Development" which, as cited in Tab B, vary from [] .

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6. It should be pointed out that the plans submitted by the CFA officers represent their first attempt in this direction. Within their understanding of plan requirements they have turned out, in my opinion, an excellent paper.

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