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DTDORIC/TPTONIC/QKACTIVE/Ops--Recent Activities in WOVIEW Branch One

Reference: EGMW-15176

1. This dispatch will bring you up to date on some of the developments mentioned in reference. LNLOFT met on 29 September and unanimously endorsed our proposal for maintaining the current level of effectiveness of TPFEELING and TPLINGO and taking the necessary steps to modernize them. The Chief of LNLOFT indicated that he planned to convey the conclusions of the group to the Director of LNNOUN in the near future.

2. Much of the discussion at the meeting was directed toward the recommendations made by QRPUNT, the need for modernization of the technical facilities, and the LNNOUN proposals to hold the funding levels to those of FY 1967, or to cut back a total of 25 percent over the next five years. One of the LNLOFT members indicated that before studying the material he might have leaned the other way, but the reasoning and arguments presented in the papers had convinced him of the soundness of the proposals.

3. It became evident early in the discussions that if one bought the basic premises of the QRPUNT study--that TPFEELING and TPLINGO had been effective over a number of years and in the changing atmosphere vis-a-vis the East they have assumed even greater importance in speeding up desirable developments--then any slowdown or cut-back proposals did not hold water.

4. This is the strongest endorsement we have ever received from LNLOFT and we believe it places us in the best position we have ever been in for our annual round with LNNOUN. With such a strong policy endorsement, hopefully it should be difficult for LNNOUN to insist on any really large cuts in the proposed FY 1968 budgets. We recognize, of course, that some reductions in the proposed budgets are inevitable and even possibly desirable.

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5. You will note that there is somewhat more detailed explanation for individual budget items in the FY 1968 budget books than in previous years. This is a result of the discussions mentioned in reference; while it is a step in the right direction, we anticipate that even more detailed information may be required for many items. Any suggestions you may have for improving the budget presentations or additional information on individual items that would help us in our sessions with LNNOUN will be appreciated.

6. Attached are copies of correspondence received by Headquarters from QKIVORY.

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