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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Political and Psychological Staff
VIA: Chief, Operations and Resource Management Staff
FROM: []
Chairperson, Proprietary Review Board
SUBJECT: Request for Further Information on Termination
Plans for QRPLUMB
REFERENCE: PPS memo to PRB, dtd 21 March 1990, re Options
for QRPLUMB Termination

1. In principal, the Board agrees that a one-time termination payment prior to the end of FY90 would appear to be the best option from both an operational and administrative standpoint. However, the Board requests more detail on this option than is provided in Option B of the referenced memo.

2. Follow-up information should provide details on the [] estimate as well as the specific plans for handling the termination payment. QRPLUMB principals will be asked to consider alternate courses of action: whether to cease publications outright or attempt to secure alternate funding. Assuming the latter, the detailed plan should tie in PPS' plans to hire an independent management consultant. As discussed at the Board meeting on 15 February, the consultant would determine whether alternate funding for QRPLUMB is indeed a possibility and how the organization might be run more efficiently, as a means of paring down the estimate for final payment.

3. It was the Board's understanding that a termination payment designed to support QRPLUMB activities for a period of time while they seek other financing, would be handled by an intermediary who would make scheduled payments to QRPLUMB and, further, that the principal agents would be required to sign a quitclaim with a proviso that scheduled payments may be terminated if QRPLUMB activities are counter to U.S. interests. These elements should be included in the detailed plan as well.

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