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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Joint Chiefs of Staff War Room

1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have directed that, upon imminence or outbreak of war, the Joint Intelligence Group shall establish a Joint Chiefs of Staff War Room wherein situation maps, copies of intelligence and action messages will be exhibited. It further specifies that appropriate preliminary action on this matter be taken as soon as possible.

2. For the time being it is considered impracticable to submit specific detailed requests for current information and intelligence to the agencies which, in war time, will be the sources or transmitters of the material to be presented in the JCS war room; however, all agencies concerned should be aware of their possible future responsibilities, and they should take such preliminary action as may be possible and practicable to provide for the preparation and direct transmission of such current information and intelligence as may be needed in the Joint Chiefs of Staff War Room.

3. Since the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of State will be primary sources for some of this current information and intelligence, it is requested that you bear this possible contingency in mind and that you make such preliminary plans or arrangements as may be practicable. It is believed that such plans and arrangements should be premised on the assumption that intelligence material from the State Department will reach the JCS War Room via the CIA.

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