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To Col MacFarland, Chmn GMIC
From W W Forley, GMIC REP to REG

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Subject Preliminary Report

1. In general it does not appear possible to institute any drastic changes in the acquisition and transmittal of information at the present time the group here is very heavily loaded and do understand their present system. However there are places where corners can be cut in order to expedite the information to you.

2. To date I can claim little credit for any specific report coming when it did. I am acquiring a useable reputation as a Simon b-guy in demanding release of information through regular informal debriefing of [REDACTED] etc I hope to hit HOT items as I understand some and as pointed out by [REDACTED] and Bill

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3. In order to expedite the publishing date of the formal reports I have taken two steps. In the first place, I have argued, unsuccessfully so far, that these reports do not need to be proof-read and understood by everybody before they are printed. To be sure a few items will be included that will require future clarification. However, obtaining the clarification in advance hold up the rest of the report considerably - even weeks in some cases. I have also started a campaign with the [REDACTED] and Tech Specs to break their material down into smaller pieces. The first effort of this should be 5 reports 1 by Dooley and 1 by [REDACTED] on closely related topics which normally would have been combined into one report. They will come as two separate reports.

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4. We have now inaugurated frequent meetings of all available [REDACTED] Tech Specs & Int. officers to exchange highlights of their current 'work'. This was

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started in order to assure that there was not excessive duplication of effort (some of course is needed for confirmation). An unexpected by-product has been cross-fertilization. [REDACTED] get leads for their own sources "from the information supplied by others."

5. As for keeping the emphasis on the "Big Picture" this is merely a matter of frequent discussions with [REDACTED] and Tech Specs & pointing out the proper priority for the material they appear to have available. 25X1C

6. It's been hectic so far. Only time will tell if it's effective.

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