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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: 1976 Personnel Reduction

As a result of the recent Presidential review of our budget request, the Agency's 1976 personnel level was reduced [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This must now be reflected in the budget you present to Congress in March. On the basis of some consultation with the Deputies, I conclude that we cannot arrive at an agreed final distribution of this reduction in time for publication of the Congressional budget. In addition to the usual problem of allocating a personnel cut, the DDI has, as you know, requested more positions for 1976. Also, the burden imposed on the ADD's by the forthcoming outside review of Agency activities will sharply limit the time they might have available to arrive at an equitable and agreed recommendation. Thus, although it means postponing consideration of any possible increase for the DDI, I think it sensible in our Congressional presentation to show only an undistributed reduction of [REDACTED] and to arrive at firm decisions for 1976 levels during the course of the July Program Review. This can be based upon a recommendation to you in the Program Review, or if time is available, it could reflect a review of overall personnel requirements by the ADD's during April or May. I believe that the latter course is preferable if time is available, but we shall have to wait and see. It is also possible that some frank discussion of requirements and problems at the Winter Conference will help to clear the air.

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cc: DDI

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