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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
THROUGH : Deputy Director for Intelligence *Exp*  
FROM : Director of Current Intelligence  
SUBJECT : Comments on the Newspaper

1. Attached is a mixed bag of NSC Staff reactions to the newspaper. The objections are the ones we anticipated, and which I think we should take quite seriously: the difficulty readers will have in treating this format as a serious intelligence product, the possible subordination of analysis to reportage, and security.

2. What these comments say to me is that we should not undertake the newspaper without an explicit and unequivocal expression of approval from the President and Kissinger. With that in hand, we should then attempt to brief each reader in detail on what we propose to do. With such an education, I believe most of this small group would begin to see the advantages--some of the comments are of the sort "I understand what you're trying to do but those other fellows won't". But without a Presidential endorsement we should not let ourselves be carried away by our own enthusiasm for the project.

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