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NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

FROM: Ed Proctor

In the attached note you asked whether the Economic Intelligence Weekly (EIW) should include a chart on unemployment.

After reviewing the matter, OER is going to add such a chart to the set of economic indicators published in the back of the EIW.

Your note also mentioned adding something on the possible political impact. Obviously, this sort of thing is more easily handled in narrative than in charts, and we intend to write articles on unemployment and its political implications from time to time as it seems appropriate for the NID and the EIW.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Unemployment Rate Chart for

EIW

- 1. In response to the Director's indication of interest, we are preparing to add a chart on unemployment rates to the set of economic indicators published weekly in the EIW. The chart will appear similar to the present "Industrial Production" chart. The plotted unemployment rates will be accompanied by a reference line representing an average of past rates of unemployment.
- 2. Some of the data are not readily available, and it will be necessary to estimate unemployment rates for France. Because of this, as well as the time needed for preparation of plates, the new graphic will probably be appearing in the 19 March issue of the EIW.

3. The chart will also show the number of persons unemployed in the latest reporting period, one year earlier, and three months earlier. Lack of comparability in the data will be flagged by a footnote.

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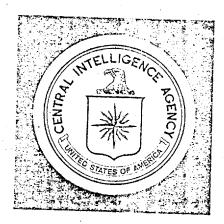
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