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4 December 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Paul Walsh
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FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: APEX

1. I called Bob Komer late Monday night. He indicated that he is working with Murphy to find a compromise solution. Basically, I believe what he has in mind is a document that will indicate I am in charge but a behind-the-scenes oral understanding that we won't set quotas without letting them know. I took a strong stand that I simply couldn't sign a document that indicated no one was in charge of this area because it really implied that no one was in charge of the whole APEX issue. Running any program by committee has never been very successful in my experience.

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2. Unless Dan has contacted you, we should just stay low for the time being.

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