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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

As a result of spending two hours this afternoon with Jim Clark, Chief of the International Division of the Bureau of the Budget, I can report the following: The International Division staff unquestionably feels that it has done pretty well for the Agency in getting Schultze to go along with the figure he spoke to you about. They are not optimistic that he can be persuaded to go higher than this. However, as a result of our discussions this afternoon, I myself have a feeling that the staff might recommend a little higher figure, perhaps or so. I would be very pessimistic about any more than 25X1 this. They did agree to ensure that the cost of the pro-25X1 gram we have been discussing is identified separately as something we are doing as a "service of common concern" and which is not of primary interest to this Agency. I plugged hard for putting in the Fiscal Year 1966 supplemental. They were not hostile but at the same time were noncommittal. They did agree to discuss it with Schultze when they saw him later this afternoon and agreed to advise us either tonight or tomorrow morning whether there is any change in the figure.

As soon as we know this, we can start firming up your notes for your meeting with Schultze. They were pointed in their remarks about the great pressures he is under and the severe limitations on his time and urged that you talk to the specific differences between our two marks rather than to the over-all budget. Also, they were reasonably certain that your meeting with Schultze would not take place before next Wednesday, 8 December, at the earliest, and conceivably it might not be before the early part of the following week.

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