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NOTE FOR: The Director

I do not want to hold up this thoughtful report from John McMahon responding to your request for some fresh thinking on the organization of overt human collection. The report, once again, raises a question which has plagued us over the years. That is, the proper location of the organizational elements of CIA engaged in overt collection. The present arrangements are the result of our experience over the years and reflect judgments which necessarily weighed a host of considerations and criteria in addition to those which are reflected in the IC Staff memorandum.

I suggest that when the larger organizational questions now being resolved in the PRM-11 process have been worked out, you instruct me to study and report to you on this proposal for the centralization of CIA overt collection activity. Alternatively, I can initiate such a study at once if you feel the time is right to do so.


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