

MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/NIPE

**SUBJECT: Staffing Problems on the National
Indications Center**

1. This is to alert you to an incipient intelligence community problem as a result of Navy's unilateral action withdrawing its three personnel assigned to the National Indications Center because of budgetary pressure. (State has never provided personnel to the NIC for the same alleged reason despite John Bross' efforts to persuade Ray Cline's predecessor.) Unfortunately, Admiral Harlfinger did not have the courtesy to discuss his action with General Cushman or the Director.

2. If the Navy's action is carried out, it is very likely that the Army will pull its people out as well. Clearly the existence of the NIC is threatened.

3. General Cushman has requested recommendations for handling the problem. Since the DCI has no authority over the resources of others, all we can do is negotiate. As a first step you or General Cushman might speak to Admiral Harlfinger and urge him to reconsider. If this fails, one of you might discuss with General Bennett the possibility of DIA assuming manning responsibility for the military members of the NIC.

4. Would you please consult with the DDI (Proctor) and give General Cushman your recommendations.

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