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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC

SUBJECT: Strategic Warning Staff (SWS)

1. [redacted] asked me yesterday what Mr. Colby's reaction was to Gen. Faurer's Progress Report and to the SWS Monthly Report. I told him of the DCI response on the former (which I sent you yesterday morning) and that Mr. Colby had asked us to get reactions from USIB principals for a later response on the Monthly Report. For the latter, I'm soliciting informal comments from my former colleagues on the Ad Hoc Committee and hope to have a draft by Friday.

2. [redacted] said he was sensitive to the problem of not letting the SWS spill over too far into the small-w arena. He also noted, however, that other production elements of the community (NIOs, OSR, etc.) frequently addressed issues which had strategic warning implications. A degree of overlap between SWS and other production was thus inevitable. I agree.

3. PRD's preliminary view is that the Monthly Report does address some subjects that have little apparent relevance to strategic warning. But I think we should take care, in our response to Faurer, not to overreact. No one is ever going to draw a clear line between big-W and small-w. What I think we should concentrate on is to ensure that the SWS makes explicit the relevance to strategic warning of whatever issues they do address. This is often more an editorial than a substantive problem.

4. I think [redacted] is more hawkish on this subject than I am--so please consider the foregoing as preliminary views.

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