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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

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- c. That if the above review results in a reaffirmation of the decision to place covert operational responsibility within CIA - CIA should be guaranteed all necessary support from other agencies of the government to insure the successful discharge of this responsibility including the following specific assurances:
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