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The mission of the National Intelligence Officer for Warning is to advise and assist the Director and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence on all matters relating to warning. As such he serves as the principle staff officer to the DCI on warning related matters. In addition, he will support the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence and the National Foreign Intelligence Board on warning matters. The National Intelligence Officer for Warning will be assisted by a National Warning Staff.

The National Intelligence Officer for Warning will oversee the production, analysis, and dissemination of intelligence from all sources which might provide warning. In particular he should be alert to alternative interpretations and outcomes, assess these with a view to the need for issuance of warning, and insure they are given adequate hearing by the Community. He will encourage and facilitate consultation and substantive discussions within the Community on information of warning significance. In the conduct of these substantive duties, the National Intelligence Officer for Warning will advise the Chairman, National Intelligence Council, DCI Watch Committee, and DCI Intelligence Producer Council and oversee the warning activities of the NIO's on appropriate Community responses to short-, mid-, and long-term warning situations.

The National Intelligence Officer for Warning will recommend to the Director of Intelligence the issuance of warning to the President and National Security Council, and will ensure the dissemination of such warning within and by the organizations of the Intelligence Community. When time is of the essence, the National Intelligence Officer may issue such warning directly to the President and the National Security Council,

with concurrent dissemination to the Director and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence and senior officers of the Intelligence Community. In addition, the National Intelligence Officer for Warning may alert selected government and Community officers to possible developments whose likelihood of occurrence is not fully determined.

The National Intelligence Officer for Warning contributes to the enhancement of Community warning performance by arranging for substantive intelligence research and production on warning topics, by supporting improvements in methodologies and procedures for warning, by developing a consciousness of warning requirements, by promoting improved analyst training in indications and warning techniques as well as other analytic techniques that might contribute to improved warning, and by insuring a repository of data and materials, to include but not limited to raw intelligence reporting, indicator lists, intelligence literature and post mortems on intelligence performance, ^{during} ~~dealing with~~ past crises and warning successes or failures is maintained.

The National Intelligence Officer for Warning will monitor research and developments in other fields, such as automated data processing and communications which have a potential for improving the ability of the Director of Central Intelligence or the organizations of the Community to produce and disseminate warning. He will advise the Director, Intelligence Community Staff and the Chairman of the Collection Requirements Committees, as appropriate on warning activities that relate to their responsibilities. He will chair the Warning Working Group who will assist him in the coordination of Community warning activities.