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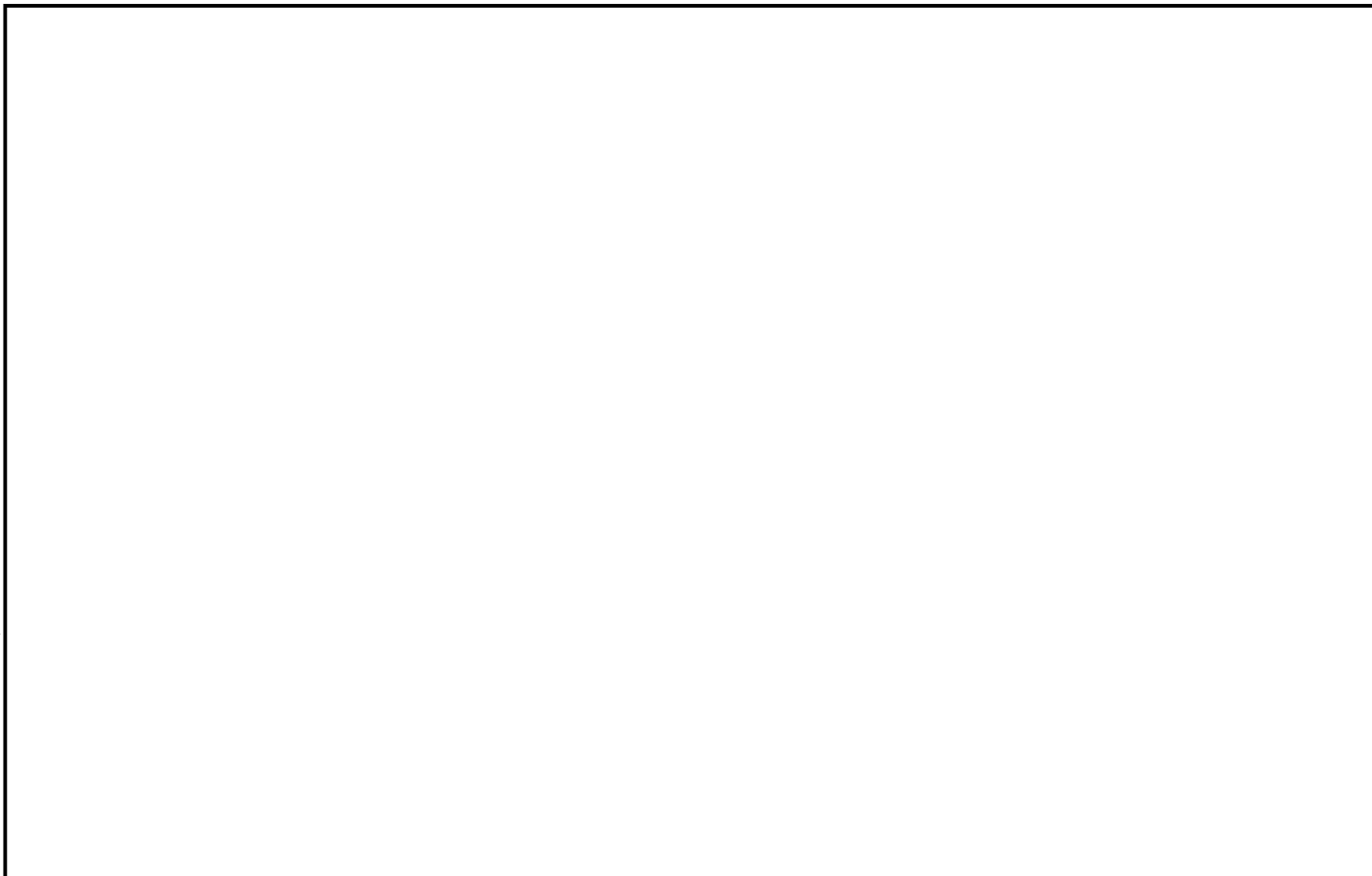
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH : Acting Chairman, National Intelligence Council
FROM : David D. Gries
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SUBJECT : First Impressions of Narcotics Matters

1. During my first few weeks as NIO/Narcotics, I have met most of the principal players in the field, completed some reading, and reached a few tentative conclusions. In the months ahead I will try to confirm these conclusions and define some possible remedies.

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2. First, within the CIA:



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- DDI/CPAS rarely uses narcotics items in the NID and PDB, though some are sent up for review. The NID and PDB are useful tools to show the policy community that CIA is doing more on narcotics. [redacted] 25X1 agrees. We will try to identify suitable items and push them.
- DDI/OGI has done a good job on assessing crop production. They are now interested in, and should be supported in, expanding into studies of capital flows and assessments of the effectiveness of host governments in stopping narcotics production and trafficking. [redacted] 25X1
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The DDI's regional offices should support OGI's move into captial flows and government effectiveness assessments. OGI will also need additional resources, perhaps reprogrammed in FY 83, to do this job.
- The DDI's principal narcotics effort is centered in OGI, [redacted] 25X1
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3. Second, within the Intelligence Community:

- An Intelligence Community on narcotics does not really exist. The DDI and DDO represent themselves separately to outside agencies. Moreover, despite serious narcotics abuse problems in the military, DIA is not engaged in narcotics research. DEA is not a member of the Intelligence Community but probably should be. INR is only peripherally involved.
- There are several ways to bring the Intelligence Community together on narcotics and hopefully soon, so that you can talk about it on the Hill when you go there next:
 - First, the Community should meet regularly. The easiest way to accomplish this is to institute monthly warning meetings for narcotics. These warning meetings should assess looming problems and collection requirements. State welcomes this proposal.
 - There is no record of Intelligence Community production on narcotics, yet it would seem at a minimum that an NIE on world coca and opium production would be quite useful. Also a SNIE suggests itself on the dramatic expansion of coca production throughout northern Latin America and the Caribbean. We have good intelligence on coca production, but it has not been put before policymakers. Interagency production on captial flows might also be a useful future project. There is broad agreement -- NSC, State, Treasury, Vice President's staff -- on the need for a coordinated interagency product.
- Intelligence Community collection requirements need attention. [redacted] 25X1
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Although an excellent National HUMINT Collection Plan exists, DDO and DEA collectors have not followed

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these. [redacted] system has access to some intelligence on narcotics, but has not been tasked to report on it. ^{25X1}

- The IC Staff, at your direction, is developing a long range Community plan on narcotics. I have met with [redacted] and expect to coordinate closely. For starters, the IC Staff will pay particular attention to Community collection and to budget submissions, whereas my efforts will be directed towards enhancing CIA's collection and analysis activities and bringing the Intelligence Community together on narcotics matters. ^{25X1}

4. Third, at the national level:

- There is a consensus that DEA is an uncomfortable participant in interagency programs, in part because of resistance to its recent subordination under the FBI and in part because of DEA's self-image as a law enforcement organization with little or no intelligence responsibility. This problem will have to be analyzed and addressed.
- There is also a consensus that DEA's voluminous operational reporting (called DEA 6s) contain valuable intelligence which is not now being shared with the Intelligence Community. This problem must be addressed and solved, perhaps by loaning DDO reports officers to the DEA to help them set up a dissemination program.
- DEA is not a member of NFIB. This omission should be reexamined. Some kind of affiliation with NFIB would encourage greater DEA participation in the workings of the Intelligence Community.

5. I plan to attend regional meetings of narcotics coordinators from various US government agencies [redacted] ^{25X1}

6. One final reflection. Some customers -- State, the Vice President's staff, Treasury -- contend that finished intelligence on narcotics has limited value because it does not meet the needs of the enforcement community. What they need is analysis -- of new production, of specific channels for capital flows, of tacit host government support for trafficking -- that directly supports enforcement. This contention merits further investigation.



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