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National Intelligence Council

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NOTE FOR: Deputy Director for Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : NSA Officer Detailed to the NIC/AG

1. In brief, would you consent to ask NSA (in particular,) if we could extend the tour of for approximately six months, so that he could draft a key Memo to Holders which wants him to do. The M/H (to NIE 13-4-80, China's Defense Policy and Armed Forces) will be the direct outgrowth of the detailed work has been doing in pointing out needed improvements in intelligence concerning Chinese strategic weapons developments.

2. You will recall that in September, 1980, NSA made available for a tour with the NIC/AG. It is our understanding that wants back this October for a specific (and good) assignment: to be the NSA Rep on 11-3/8 matters. That would be fine, especially because thinks well of , but would prefer that that not occur until after has written the M/H. For his part, would prefer to stay on for that chore.

3. The M/H will be much-needed: the NIE needs improving and updating on several scores, many of them the direct result of own excellent pick and axe work. We know of no drafter who would have his knowledge and enthusiasm for the chore. has also been able to build up an informal alliance system with like-minded analysts in NSA, OIA, NPIC, DIA, and to some extent, in the DDI. These personal ties will be very helpful in putting out a meaningful M/H -- in some cases overcoming a possible lack of enthusiasm on the part of analysts who have let themselves get somewhat locked into outdated positions.

4. It may be that broader considerations of CIA-NSA relationships dictate that we not try to keep , and should let him go back to NSA this October. If so, o.k. But, if you feel as we do that the greater merit would be to keep on for six months or so, we would appreciate your informal intervention with and NSA to help make this possible.


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