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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT: Establishment of Priorities for Computer Programming for Management Information Processing

Bob:

1. [] has reported to me your desire to have [] establish the relative priorities for computer programming support from OCS as they affect the DD/S area.

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2. There is no doubt that we have a problem. We are being pressured increasingly for implementation of the Agency Planning, Programming, and Budgeting (PPB) System in accordance with the President's direction. Almost daily we receive requirements for reporting which necessitate responsive computer programming support and machine processing. The Financial Analysis Numbering system has required modifications to bring it more in line with the Agency PPB System. In addition, we must now begin to move toward the automation of the Agency budget. Delays in any of these programs could have serious consequences, since in most instances the programs can be implemented only at the beginning of a fiscal year and any deferral means a delay of another year.

3. Rather than have Mr. [] attempt to establish priorities for OCS Support to O/PPB, I suggest that he stay in contact, where necessary, with Mr. [] of my Data Systems Development Staff. In this way we can be certain that priorities will be considered within the context of planning for implementation of the PPB System as well as the current demands for reporting.

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4. As you are well aware, the arrangement of priorities above will not solve the increasing backlog problem in OCS. Conversion to the

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IBM 360 should provide some assist; however, it is not at all clear to me that the present OCS schedule for conversion is realistic given the present level of resources. Programs which are currently under review probably will provide for modest increases in the OCS personnel ceiling. I am hopeful that OCS can get outside help with the conversion task so that the transfer of appropriate management information processing applications to the new equipment may proceed as soon as it is feasible. In any event, I believe it is in our mutual interest to urge in his new assignment, to give early attention to this problem.

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