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Dear Sam:

This letter is in response to your request for comments on the proposed Terms of Reference of the NSCIC Working Group.

Paragraph 1 and paragraph 3 in outlining the responsibilities of the NSCIC and its Working Group focus exclusively on the mission of these two bodies to give direction on national substantive intelligence needs and to provide a continuing evaluation as to just how well the consumers' needs are satisfied. Certainly these are important functions but there is at least one other major responsibility which has been overlooked. The Rockefeller Commission Report, the Murphy Commission and the Senate Select Committee have all indicated a great interest in the intelligence organization and in the systems and arrangements involved in meeting consumer needs. In fact, as you know, this has been the central focus of both NSCIC and our Working Group. I would propose that paragraph 3 of the proposed Terms of Reference read as follows (changes underlined):

"The NSCIC Working Group will support the NSCIC and will facilitate NSC actions to: give direction and guidance on national substantive needs for intelligence; make recommendations for improvements in the intelligence structure and organization and in the system and arrangements for ensuring that consumer needs are met effectively; and provide for a continuing evaluation of intelligence products from the viewpoint of the intelligence consumer."

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Somewhere in the proposed Terms of Reference there should be some provision for representatives of the other NSCIC committees (e.g., the Economic Intelligence Subcommittee) to be represented during certain NSCIC discussions. This could be handled by an appropriate insert in paragraph 4.e.


With reference to paragraph 5 provision should be made for reviewing papers prepared outside the Working Group which have a bearing on its responsibility.

We support the changes proposed in Assistant Secretary Ellsworth's memorandum of 13 June 1975.

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