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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT: Comments on DCI Production Enhancement Program -
An Assessment

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1. We have reviewed the assessment of the Production Enhancement Program done by the Intelligence Producers Council and generally agree with the recommendations. Our comments are as follows:

- We agree with the potential utility of the program and with the criticisms of the past execution of the program. We, therefore, strongly recommend the tightening of selection criteria, as proposed by the IPC.
- We agree with the observation in the assessment that funding for the program is inevitably at the expense of other initiatives. We believe this reinforces the need to tighten selection criteria. It also supports the recommendation to reduce the funding target . However, I also recommend that, rather than an automatic protection from competition for resources, any proposed new production enhancement initiatives be looked at by the DDCI and the DCI alongside other programmatic initiatives which might have to be foregone by their funding. This could be done in the final stages of adjusting to a presidentially directed NFIP funding level.
- The proposal to include a small, unallocated fund would increase DCI flexibility in addressing unforeseen production needs. However, it would be extremely difficult to justify and defend such funds before OMB and the Congress given the large production resources in the Community which could be redirected if priority justified it.

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2. This staff was responsible for initiating the Production Enhancement Program and I continue to believe in the validity of the concept. The changes proposed by the IPC, if stringently implemented, can overcome some of the past shortcomings. The IC Staff, as in the past, will work closely with the IPC in program implementation if you should decide to proceed.

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