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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable William P. Clark  
Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: USG Counterterrorism Efforts

1. In an interim report to you on 22 March I provided a description of Intelligence Community efforts to date against international terrorism, and I indicated that a more detailed review of Intelligence Community activities regarding this problem was being undertaken. The attached study by the Critical Intelligence Problems Committee (CIPC) forwards the results of that review. [Redacted]

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2. It is apparent from the candid conclusions and recommendations in the CIPC study that the Intelligence Community can improve its efforts against international terrorism in several areas through some management initiatives and without significant shifts in available resources. I have taken steps to implement the recommendations in the study and I will keep you informed of our progress. [Redacted]

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3. The study also notes a perceived lack of firm guidance for intelligence in support of a well-defined national counterterrorism policy. The manner in which the overall USG counterterrorism program is orchestrated and managed of course has an impact upon the development and scope of the intelligence support role. Though I welcome NSDD #30 (Managing Terrorism Incidents) as a positive attempt to further clarify lines of authority and jurisdiction at the national level, I strongly urge that the Interdepartmental Group on Terrorism (IG/T) be charged to develop within a short time frame clear policy guidance, procedures, and a general management architecture on this subject for implementation by involved agencies. [Redacted]

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