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MEMORANDUM FOR: Major General James A. Williams, USA
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Appreciation for Participation in Third World COMINT Study

Jim -

1. Attached for your information are four copies of the Third World COMINT Study conducted by the IC Staff, NSA and [redacted]

[redacted] The study presents a broad overview and projection of the trends and consequences of programmatic changes to the US SIGINT system over the next five years, and of the kinds of problems that are typically encountered in crisis situations in the Third World. Also attached is a related study of the use of COMINT in direct support of senior policymakers involved with demarches and negotiations with foreign governments. I believe such information can contribute to a better appreciation of the importance of COMINT to our overall intelligence efforts in the Third World. My staff would be pleased to brief the results of these studies to you and your staff at your convenience. [redacted]

2. The Third World COMINT Study could not have been done without the contribution of substantive intelligence analysts throughout the Intelligence Community. I would like to express my appreciation for the efforts of [redacted] [redacted] in arranging and participating in the interviews with DIA analysts who supported the studies of the Iran/Iraq War in 1980 and the Nicaraguan crisis of 1979. Attached is a list of study participants and I hope you will convey my appreciation and gratitude to them. [redacted]

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