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[redacted] Chief
Operations Group, FBIS

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Dear Jerry:

Subject: [redacted]

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Just wanted to repeat for the record my small suggestions for the [redacted] program. First, I suggested that you consider assigning someone to serve full time as Headquarters [redacted] officer. I mentioned someone like [redacted] though not necessarily Bill-[redacted] would be ideal for the job with his background in FCS as well as London Bureau. I feel the need is for someone to act as focal point in Headquarters especially in coordinating messages of all types to London and Okinawa; we felt it confusing at times receiving instructions, requests, or guidance from FCS, AG, and Engineering (different branches too) and Ops itself. This officer could also generally "worry" about all [redacted] activities and planning, advise the field on status of developments, as well as query the bureaus on matters concerning several Headquarters components. I feel the two Bureaus are in a good operating mode right now--and this will only get better and provide more coverage potential. [redacted] plans for the future seem excellent and will result in dramatic changes in the way FBIS does business. However, as I mentioned to you, there seems to be a gap, if not a chasm, between where we are now and where we will be in three to five years from now. I believe the [redacted] officer could help fill this gap and might even be a one-person nucleus for a [redacted] Staff or Unit which may be required as [redacted] plans become a reality and Headquarters has to oversee as many as five or six satellite monitoring terminals in the field.

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My other suggestion, as you recall, relates to the communications problems alluded to above. Too often it seems the field has not been kept up to date on [redacted] activities and planning, even that which directly affects the Bureaus such as new equipment, etc. Therefore, to improve the communications and still not burden the individual components (though actually what we are talking about should not be burdensome), I asked that you simply have the portion of the OPS bi-weekly projects status sheet be copied and sent out to the Bureaus. This would help considerably to put us in the picture, although it would be no substitute for better two-way communications between the field and the components on a regular basis, particularly to provide clarification and follow-up to tasking requests and queries.

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As I noted to you and others, I was pleasantly surprised at how well the RUC turned out, as I was not particularly optimistic upon seeing the agenda and the cast of characters. So I am happy to eat crow and admit that my concerns were groundless. Most important^{ly} of all the RUC provided a good forum for some very positive and instructive exchanges (despite a couple rather negative intrusions) among the Bureau, BBC, and Headquarters participants. Several fuzzy areas were clarified and we got a good handle on some plans for the near term, including second antennas and new equipment. Also thought it was a good idea to have the BBC'ers, especially [redacted] although I was disappointed that [redacted] considering his experience, did not contribute more. While 87.5 per cent of the GTE briefing zoomed right over or through my head, if nothing else, it did emphasize graphically the magnitude and scope of this new area into which we are inexorably moving--a point, of course that you made continually and correctly throughout the week. STAT

Good seeing you again, and particularly in such fine fettle. STAT

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Chief, Okinawa Bureau

cc: Chief, London Bureau