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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Ken deGraffenreid Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

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Director, Planning and Policy Staff

SUBJECT:

FROM:

Transfer of Collection Tasking Authority

Ken:

1. You will recall our discussion a few weeks ago on the subject of transfer of collection tasking authority from the DCI to the Secretary of Defense. Both Mr. Casey and Mr. Weinberger have now signed the letter of transmittal to Mr. McFarlane requesting the promulgation of an NSDD on this subject. The original of this letter has gone through normal channels, but I wanted you to have a copy (Attachment A) as early as possible for your use. During our meeting you had also asked me to provide a backgrounder for your use in staffing the paper. This is also attached (Attachment B) in bullet form which you can embellish as you see fit.

2. I am moving on to a new assignment at NSA and will no longer be officially involved in this effort. Please contact either

Attachments:

a. McFarlane letter

b. Backgrounder

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Attachment A

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert C. McFarlane Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: The Transfer of National Intelligence Collection Tasking Authority

1. Executive Order 12333, dated 4 December 1981, directs that the Director of Central Intelligence "...provide for the development of plans and arrangements for transfer of required collection tasking authority to the Secretary of Defense when directed by the President". In accordance with this national policy, the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence have concurred in the attached policy statements and procedures to effect such a transfer as warranted by international crisis conditions.

2. Promulgation of the proposed National Security Decision Directive (NSDD), Attachment A, by the President will provide the required amplifying policy and guidelines to ensure an orderly and timely transfer of authority, as well as eliminate any ambiguity which may exist. Upon issuance of the NSDD, we will promulgate the Memorandum of Agreement, at Attachment B, which provides implementing guidance and detailed procedures to subordinate elements of the Defense Department and Intelligence Community.

3. Both documents have been reviewed and concurred with by all concerned Intelligence Community and Department of Defense elements. We request that you initiate the necessary action for the President to issue the proposed NSDD.

Caspar W. Weinberger

Secretary of Defense

Attachments:

A. Proposed NSDD

B. Memorandum of Agreement

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William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence

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