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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration
 Deputy Director for Intelligence
 Deputy Director for Operations
 Deputy Director for Science and Technology
 Administrative Officer, DCI Area

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Optical Disc Storage and Retrieval

REFERENCE: Comptroller Memorandum of 15 February 1985 on Proposed New Initiatives for 1987

1. As a followup to the referenced memorandum, I have asked the Office of Management, Planning, and Services/DDI to head an interdirectorate group to look at the Agency-wide applicability of optical disc storage and retrieval technology. The purpose of the undertaking is to help determine the extent to which the Agency will underwrite development in this area. I am asking that each Directorate supply one person to form the core group; other specialists will be added as necessary.

2. The group should be prepared to brief the Information Systems Board regarding preliminary progress no later than 5 April 1985 and to give me a detailed report of their findings and recommendations by June. The group's report and the briefing for the Board should concentrate on:

- a brief overview of optical disc storage technology--what it is and what it can and cannot do at what cost;
- an assessment of the different classes of data storage and retrieval problems at the Agency--including volume, importance, need for changing the data, longevity, and space consumed by data of each class; and
- a comparison of the various data storage and retrieval technologies available today and an analysis of where future technology is going.

3. Please have your Directorate's representative contact MPS/DDI, by 8 March.

James H. Taylor

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15 FEB 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Administrative Officer, DCI Area

FROM: Daniel A. Childs, Jr.
Comptroller

SUBJECT: Proposed New Initiatives for 1987*

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1. We have completed our review of the new initiatives proposed for 1987. At our meeting on 12 February, it was generally agreed that resources allocated for new initiatives in 1987 should be limited to [] and that task forces should be created to work toward a coordinated approach on several issues that span directorates. Although our agreed strategy requires some difficult choices early in the process, it should make formulation of our 1987 budget go much more smoothly than in past years. []

2. We have examined our earlier recommendations on the new initiatives in light of concerns expressed at the meeting, and in a few cases, have modified the original recommendation. As reflected in the attached tables, our recommended funding level now totals [] We recognize that your April submissions may differ in substance from these latest recommendations, but we believe that the overall funding levels are appropriate. []

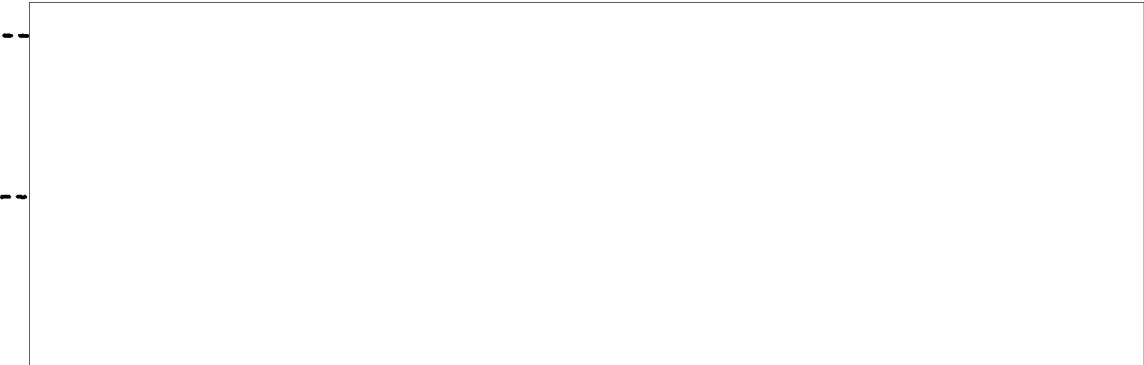
3. A number of issues were raised during the meeting on which further action is required or decisions were reached:

- Scientific Computing. Although the need for a scientific computing capability in the Agency is apparent, numerous questions remain to be resolved before we can include such a proposal in our 1987 Program. The DDI, DDS&T, and the DDA should collaborate in examining this issue and make recommendations for acquiring a scientific computing capability. The DDI will take the lead in organizing this effort. []

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-- Optical Disc Storage/Retrieval (BIOSTAR). This technology has broad Agency applications and should be considered for cross-directorate funding. The DDI will form an interdirectorate group to determine how to proceed with this development. Recommendations will be considered during the review of on-going initiatives.



-- CAMS IDM. This initiative will be reconsidered as a possible change in the CAMS on-going initiative. The DDA, in coordination with COMIREX/DDI/DDS&T, should determine the substantive impact of deferring this initiative to 1988.

4. Special task forces will be formed to address cross-directorate issues involving workstations, counterterrorism, and counterintelligence. The DDA will head an interdirectorate group to examine directorate plans for acquiring workstations, and the relationship of these plans to the Network Enhancement and Workstation (NEWS) initiative. The goal here should be to minimize the potential for redundant investment in workstations and associated costs.

5. The DDO will form interdirectorate groups to develop coordinated Agency programs on counterterrorism and counterintelligence. These groups should examine our present capabilities, taking into account initiatives planned for 1986, and define affordable proposals that address our most critical near-term shortfalls. In some cases, we may want to refocus currently programed activities, particularly those planned for 1986. At the recommended funding level for new initiatives, some is available for these two issues. If the task forces make persuasive cases for funding beyond this level, we will have to identify trade-offs to accommodate the increased funding.

6. Preliminary findings from the interdirectorate studies should be provided by 5 April.

Sincerely,



Daniel A. Childs, Jr.
Comptroller

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