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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

FROM: R. E. Hineman
Deputy Director for Science and TechnologySUBJECT: Open Source Information Exchange ☐

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1. As you may recall, the FY 90-94 CIAP contained ICS-inspired DCI guidance calling for CIA support of the Open-Source Information Exchange (OSIX) initiative. The Executive Committee, however, voted not to support OSIX and deleted the initiative from the FY 90-91 program. That decision was reconfirmed at the 16-17 June ExCom meeting, with specific language noting that additional funds would not be provided to OSIX "at the expense of other priority requirements." Subsequent to that, it has come to my attention that the ICS still may attempt to have the DCI "fence" funds in the FY 90-91 NFIP to support OSIX. ☐

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2. With these conflicting budget actions, I am concerned that the ICS may successfully push to fund OSIX without due consideration for resource implications, placing the Directorate (and the Agency) in a very tenuous position. My concern is especially fueled by the ICS Information Handling Committee's (IHC) recent OSIX proposal, which was presented to FBIS for review and comment. As you are aware, FBIS has played a major role in OSIX, providing expert technical and resource advice as well as sharing responsibility with the IHC for planning and execution. Evaluating the IHC's proposal, FBIS found that the document had little resemblance to earlier inputs and ignored or downplayed serious resource questions. The difference between the FBIS and IHC cost estimates, for instance, was \$65 million. Additionally, a major assumption in the IHC proposal is that FBIS will absorb major system functions within its Modernization Program--a totally impractical solution involving a program that will reach FOC in FY 89. There were other, equally serious problems with the proposal, but the bottom line is that it lacks programmatic and financial credibility. ☐

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3. Given the zero-sum game that currently exists in the Agency, I believe we must proceed with caution with respect to OSIX. To ensure that we do not find ourselves in a budgetary and organizational bind over this issue, I suggest that the following points be brought to the attention of the DDCI:

--The ICS/Executive Committee differences over funding OSIX;

--The lack of credibility in the ICS proposal. ☐

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4. The IHC has indicated to FBIS that it plans to rework its proposal and to address the program and resource issues that surfaced during the proposal's review. We do not expect any action in this regard until next month. ☐

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R. E. Hineman

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