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MEMORANDUM FOR: SPECIAL ASSISTANT, INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: Scientific and Technical Intelligence

1. As I told you in our conversation earlier today, General Smith desires to discuss the overall organization of the Government's scientific intelligence effort at the Intelligence Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday of this week. In order to acquaint you with our thinking to date on this general subject, I am enclosing the survey of our Office of Scientific Intelligence, as prepared by Stuart Hedden, Inspector General of Central Intelligence Agency, at the request of General Smith.

2. Although this is not transmitted on an "Eyes Only" basis, it is suggested that circulation within your office be as limited as possible consistent with the purposes of such a discussion.

3. Because of the confusion now existing in the scientific intelligence community, this report recommends a directive on NSC level to allocate responsibilities. Tab D indicates one possible such directive which would give a new frame of reference and create, we hope, a new climate in this field of the intelligence community. We hold no special brief for the allocations of responsibilities suggested in this draft. There is no clear line of distinction between technical and scientific intelligence or separating different scientific disciplines. The suggested distinction is simply less fuzzy than some.

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Deputy Director/Intelligence

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