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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science
and Technology

SUBJECT : R&D Program Planning Guidance

REFERENCE : Weather Modification Paper

Carl -

1. The Subject paper presents a descriptive summary of the implications of weather modification research for the intelligence community. It could represent a useful first step in defining a role for this Agency in this matter. To that extent I found the paper a useful document. However, I must say that what the paper lacks is any prose aimed at defining the real need or urgency for amplifying our current monitoring efforts nor indeed, does it give any sense of specific intelligence-related concerns.

2. In my opinion, in order for this kind of otherwise worthwhile paper to be of real value to the Deputy Directors, I would suggest it contain the following in brief summary form:

A. Identify those specific aspects of weather modification and/or control which are expected to be of concern to the U.S.

B. Delineate the reasons for these concerns.

C. Review potential targets and associated technology necessary for the collection of the information necessary to produce definitive intelligence.

D. Discuss these collection requirements from the point of view of the Agency's role in such collection operations.

E. Some indication of the priority attached to this collection requirement.

F. And finally, an outline of a proposed RD&E plan and program with associated costs.

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3. I feel that a paper following this sort of outline would be more appropriate for discussion by the Deputy Directors than the somewhat less structured document under discussion. It may be that an outline of the type set forth above would be the preferred method for submission of future similar subjects.

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