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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Responsibility for Intelligence Coverage of Berlin and Similar Major Strategic Intelligence Problem Areas

1. At its meeting of 18 July, the USIB decided to disestablish the Special USIB Subcommittee on the Berlin Situation as an institution reporting to the USIB. See USIB-M-225, dated 18 July 1962.

2. It further decided that USIB's responsibility for finished intelligence on developments in the Berlin situation should be discharged through use of the normal inter-agency coordinating machinery regularly employed in preparing estimates.

3. The disestablishment of this USIB committee makes it doubly important that CIA discharge its responsibility to the Director of Central Intelligence to monitor developments in this and other major strategic intelligence problem areas and alert the USIB community when estimative or other intelligence reporting of inter-agency scope is required. I am, therefore, assigning you responsibility for designating substantive action officers to maintain a continuing watch in conjunction with representatives of other USIB members concerned with the problem on the Berlin situation and similar problem areas as current intelligence warrants.

4. You or your designated action officers are authorized on behalf of the Director to convene inter-agency working groups for this purpose and prepare reports appropriate to the situation or situations under study. This responsibility includes distributing current intelligence reports, materials of interest to the USIB Watch Committee, drafting notes for inclusion in the USIB Weekly Survey of Cold War Crisis Situations and recommendations to the Chairman of the Board of National Estimates on the need for an NIE or SNIE on the subject under scrutiny.

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