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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Implementation of NSC-Approved Recommendation re Review of Plans and Programs of Intelligence Community

REFERENCES:
A. USIB-D-1.5/7 dated 27 April 1961
B. Joint Chiefs of Staff Memorandum for the Chairman, United States Intelligence Board dated 5 May 1961, subject as above.

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for action by the Chairman, United States Intelligence Board. Such recommendation appears in paragraph 4 below.

2. A proposal for the review of intelligence community plans and programs (reference A) is scheduled for discussion at the United States Intelligence Board meeting on 9 May 1961. The Acting Director for Intelligence, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has requested that this matter be deferred from consideration by the United States Intelligence Board at this time (reference B).

3. The requested deferral is based upon the pending reorganization of Department of Defense intelligence activities and revisions of budget and programming procedures within the Department now under way.

4. It is recommended that you support United States Intelligence Board approval of the proposal contained in reference A for the following reasons:

a. Joint Study Group Recommendation No. 32, as approved by the President on 18 January 1961, requires the proposed action at the beginning of each annual budget cycle. USIB action to defer the proposal would necessitate strong and reasonable arguments to the National Security Council justifying the delay.

b. The information to be presented by the USIB member agencies is keyed to specific intelligence programs considered necessary regardless of reorganization or changed budgeting and programming procedure.

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c. A USIB review of future plans and programs of the foreign intelligence community and for which the USIB members are jointly responsible, would produce mutually advantageous improvements from the combined judgements not otherwise possible.

d. The United States Bureau of the Budget endorsed the inclusion of recommendation No. 32 in the Joint Study Group report. Having participated in developing the proposal, now before the USIB, especially as to its timing, the Bureau could be expected to advise against deferring the matter.

e. The information called for in the proposal would be of value in planning the reorganization of Defense intelligence activities and would be of considerable use by them during the period of transition.

f. Fiscal Year 1963 budgets must be prepared and submitted to the President and the Congress in any event. It would be more advantageous to the intelligence community to do this with USIB guidance than without it.

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Attachments:
1. Reference A
2. Reference B

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