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MEMORANDUM FOR

The Vice President  
The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Attorney General  
The Director, Office of Management  
and Budget  
The Director of Central Intelligence

Attached for your records is a summary of the June 15, 1977, SCC meeting on PRM/NSC-11 -- Intelligence Structure and Mission.

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MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE

June 15, 1977

Time and Place: 4:30-6:30 p.m., White House Situation Room

Subject: PRM/NSC-11 -- Intelligence Structure and Mission

Participants:

The Vice President  
A. Denis Clift  
Fritz Schwarz

OMB  
James McIntyre  
Edward R. Jayne

State  
Warren Christopher  
Harold Saunders  
Herbert Hansell

Justice  
Attorney General Bell  
Frederick Baron  
John Harmon

Defense  
Secretary Brown  
Charles W. Duncan  
David E. McGiffert  
Deanne Seimer  
Lt. General William Y. Smith

NSC  
Zbigniew Brzezinski  
David Aaron  
Samuel M. Hoskinson  
Robert A. Rosenberg

GIA  
Admiral Stansfield Turner  
James Taylor

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

The first meeting of the full SCC on PRM/NSC-11, Intelligence Structure and Mission, focused on the Part III Study, and in particular, on Section III of the report "Structural Options."

Both Harold Brown and the Attorney General's Subcommittee (Part I) had recommended an early start in our inter-relationship with the Congress, first with those pieces of charter legislation concerned with safeguards against abuse. The SCC consensus was that the Administration's own thinking was most advanced in this area and this was a proper course of action. The Vice President added that his own discussions with Senator Inouye were along the same lines; that his committee is most concerned with first addressing safeguard legislation.

The SCC then approved the establishment of a senior working-level Coordinating Committee chaired by David Aaron to bring to the point of decision the work done on non-structural problems such as:

- The overseas counterpart of the domestic foreign intelligence electronic surveillance bill
- Foreign intelligence physical search legislation
- Restrictions on covert action and clandestine collection
- Oversight mechanisms
- Counterintelligence activities.

There was substantial deliberation over the eight structural options, focused on resource management, line authority, consumer requirements, tasking, production and accountability.

The debate resulted in a consensus that there are really somewhere between two to four realistic options to pursue in a follow-on meeting.

- Harold Brown favors an option that essentially modifies E.O. 11905 by enhancing PRC(I) and DCI resource management authority by removing ambiguities.
- Stan Turner supports a complete restructure of the intelligence community (except departmental analysis) under line, resource management and tasking authority of a "Director of Foreign Intelligence."
- Warren Christopher agreed with Stan Turner's approach generally except that he proposed establishment of a "Board of Directors" to which Stan Turner reports for review, guidance, and approval.
- The consideration of a "Consumers Union," chaired by the National Security Advisor, that would establish intelligence collection and production requirements and priorities was proposed. This would provide a means to assure that consumers, rather than the intelligence community, set the needs from intelligence.

It was agreed that these options should be further developed for consideration by the SCC during the week of 20 June prior to presentation to the President.

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It was also agreed to develop a third option which, in addition to incorporating some of the above features, would be based upon concern for improving the quality of intelligence--in particular, political intelligence--as well as one which would focus on strict control of the clandestine service.

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