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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY ELLSWORTH

SUBJECT: Immediate Responsibilities

As part of your responsibilities as Deputy Secretary of Defense, I want you to become my representative on certain National Security Council subcommittees, including the 40 Committee, the National Security Council Intelligence Committee, and the Intelligence Resources Advisory Committee. I will also expect you to represent me on the Intelligence Coordinating Group which was created by the President on September 19, 1975, and which is chaired by Mr. John Marsh, Counsellor to the President.

In addition, you will replace the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence) as co-chairman of the National Reconnaissance Office Executive Committee and serve as chairman of the Navy Special Programs Executive Committee.

You will also exercise on my behalf direct authority over the Consolidated Defense Intelligence Program, including the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, and the National Reconnaissance Program, as well as the operations of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence); and you will monitor closely all other Defense intelligence operations including the intelligence activities of the Services. In addition I would like you to exercise on my behalf direct authority over that portion of the Assistant Secretary of Defense Comptroller's responsibilities set forth in DoD Directive 5118.3 which relate to investigatory and security policies.

I will look to you to represent the Department in presenting and defending before the appropriate Congressional committees the intelligence portions of the Defense budget.

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You will, of course, act for and exercise the authority of the Secretary of Defense on any matters on which Deputy Secretary of Defense Clements has disqualified himself from acting.

D. R. Field

