NOTE FOR: Chairman, DCI Security Committee

1. On 5 November __________ visited me to ask if SECOM would take on a task of preparing a plan from the DCI to SecDef Brown on how to surface the NRO. The tasking requirement arose from a memo for the record prepared by the DCI following his meeting the week of 22 October with Brown. DCI proposed and Brown was not "negative to" the idea and asked the DCI for a how-to-it proposal.

2. Background: __________ included this proposal in his end of tour letter to the DCI. __________ had also included the idea of declassifying NRO in his discussion with the DCI on easing up on compartmentation controls to facilitate implementation of APEX. On seeing the DCI's note of conversation with Brown, Ben Evans elected to task CTS to prepare the details of how to surface the NRO. CT sat on it for a week and then returned it to Evans with a claim that they couldn't do the job. They suggested it be assigned to SECOM instead. This led __________ to me.

I didn't reject the task but proposed that it should and would be better addressed by a larger group than SECOM, to include reps of Dirks' office, the NRO, office and probably CTS. __________ left to discuss with Evans.

[Redacted]

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I contacted [redacted] and told him of this situation. 25X1A
He said that there was already some action going. Seems 25X1A
DCI sent a short note to [redacted] after reading [redacted]'s end of 25X1A
tour letter, endorsing [redacted]'s suggestion to open up the 25X1.
NRO, and proposing that, in his new job in the Air Force, 25X1A
just do this quietly. [redacted] passed his proposal and 25X1A
the DCI's endorsement to [redacted]'s office and the 25X1A
NRO. [redacted]'s office is point man. [redacted] NRO, is supposedly helping but 25X1A
in truth is just stalling and doing nothing. [redacted] is out of it except for what the gossip circuit brings to him. 25X1A
His opinion - nothing will be done by the NRO and [redacted] will not push the issue.

When I passed this info to [redacted] on 8 November 25X1A
he said that he had already decided with Evans that CTS 25X1A
should be required to continue drafting up a plan the DCI 25X1A
can send to Brown. Dirks had been consulted and he prepared 25X1A
a rambling paper for the DCI suggesting that a careful study 25X1A
be made of the advantages and disadvantages. No comment 25X1A
back from DCI as of 8 November. [redacted] has gone to 25X1A
Zeke Zelmer and given him instructions to work up a plan 25X1A
incorporating Dirks suggestion and to check with the 25X1A
Security Committee before sending it to the DCI. 25X1A
said he would dig up the DCI's endorsement note to 25X1A
and pass to Zelmer the information about involvement.

3. As of now, there is nothing for SECOM other than 25X1A
the coordination task noted above. Sorry for the length 25X1A
of this note but I'm sure this issue will come up in your 25X1A
talks and you should be aware of the matter from both of 25X1A
your views, D/Security and C/SECOM.

[Redacted]

Chief, CSG

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