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 Defense Special Plans Office  
 Washington, D.C. 20301

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Mr. John H. Stein  
 Deputy Director for Operations  
 Central Intelligence Agency  
 Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear John:

I am pleased to at last be able to forward copies of the signed charter directives establishing the Defense Special Plans Office (DSPO), and a copy of the Operational Capabilities Tasking memorandum from the Director, DIA to me. Copies of these documents have been provided separately to the DCI. (C)

I now have an officially sanctioned office and title, but the resource problem remains unresolved. (U)

As you know the SSCI reduced our FY 83 budget request to 20 manpower spaces and 1.6 million dollars, which will allow us to stay in business, but only in a planning mode. The HPSCI, however, zeroed out the request for FY 83, due in large part to the lack of a charter (at that time) and concern about the degree of CIA support for the initiative. (S)

LTG Williams, in his role as the GDIP program manager, is forwarding an appeal to the DCI to support the SSCI recommendation at the Authorization Committees' Conference. (U)

In order to provide FY 82 resources for this office, a reprogramming request is being initiated to obtain 20 manpower spaces and \$602,000. This will allow us to begin planning the DSPO effort, but provides no funds for the development of an operational capability. (S)

I greatly appreciate your past frankness, advice and support regarding our initiatives and look forward to a close continuing relationship with you and members of your staff. I assure you that our initial planning and, it goes without saying, our future operations will be coordinated with your directorate on a thorough and continuing basis. (U)

Sincerely,

JCS review completed.

EJ

E. R. THOMPSON  
 Major General, USA  
 Director

ARMY and DIA review(s) completed.

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