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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ELLSWORTH

Subj: Navy Program for Clandestine Intelligence Collection;
disestablishment of - INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

1. By memorandum of 5 February 1976, your concurrence was sought for plans for the disestablishment of Navy's clandestine intelligence collection program (Task Force 157). Your concurrence was provided on 6 February 1976. Approval was also provided for exploration with the Central Intelligence Agency of the feasibility of entering into a cooperative effort which would maintain some of the ongoing operations.

2. The Deputy Director of Operations of CIA has indicated that Congressionally imposed restrictions preclude his consideration of the proposed cooperative endeavor. Accordingly, Navy is proceeding to accomplish the disestablishment of Task Force 157 by 30 September 1977 or earlier if it proves feasible. The Director of Naval Intelligence will ask DIA to undertake coordination for reassignment to other HUMINT collectors of ongoing Task Force collection programs as feasible, terminating the remainder.

3. Military and civil service billets freed by the disestablishment action will be reassigned to analytical efforts within Naval Intelligence to the maximum practical extent. The contract civilian employment will be terminated. Reallocation of funds marked for Task Force 157 in the FY78 program will be addressed with the Director of Defense Intelligence.

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