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Mr. Chairman,

I welcome the opportunity to appear before this committee to discuss coordination of the Army's Intelligence Support Activity (ISA). The questions you have raised are important and apply to the broader context for coordinating U.S. military intelligence activities abroad. Some of your questions point to the need for improving and strengthening coordination arrangements. Secretary Weinberger and I share many of your concerns. We are in agreement on the need for coordinating our intelligence activities and are in the process of reviewing and strengthening the procedures for coordination.

I wish to begin by underscoring my authority, responsibility and intention, as Director of Central Intelligence (DCI), to oversee and coordinate all U.S. intelligence activities. This I do with the conviction that resources must be used to maximum advantage, legislative constraints strictly observed and larger foreign intelligence equities protected. For the past several months we have been reviewing, revising and reissuing all DCI intelligence directives. Deputy Under Secretary Stilwell and I are working together currently on a revised directive governing foreign intelligence liaison relationships.

The information gathering and foreign liaison activities of the military have an important role in the intelligence process. The same authorities which make CIA primarily responsible for conducting espionage, counterintelligence and foreign liaison

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abroad provide that such activities may also be undertaken by the military. The coordination process is designed to insure that these activities of the military are complementary to those of CIA and limited to meeting essentially tactical military information needs that have not been accepted by CIA as a matter of high priority.

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