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MEMORANDUM FOR Dr. John L. McLucas
Under Secretary of the Air Force

SUBJECT: Our Respective Views on Military Intelligence

I have reviewed your memo of July 15, John. It seems to me the only serious disagreement is summed up in this sentence from the third page of your memo.

"The difference between Froehlke's recommendation and mine is that Froehlke proposes to direct daily operations, which would require an ever-increasing staff, whereas my proposal is to have this position as a staff function with adequate authority and responsibility."

You certainly are correct that I recommend that the Special Assistant be a line, as contrasted to staff, position. There is also the danger that, because of the line authority, the Special Assistant would become involved in "directing daily operations."

I agree with you that there is a danger. However, I do not envisage this being the way the Special Assistant will operate. I see him getting involved in daily operations to about the extent that Mel Laird and Dave Packard are today involved. If he gets much more involved, I agree with you that the staff is woefully inadequate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RF" followed by a stylized flourish.

Robert F. Froehlke