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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. CURRIE

SUBJECT: Progress of the IR&D Council

You asked for our thoughts on the results of the IR&D Council to date and the future direction the Council might take. First of all, I believe that the Council provides an extremely valuable forum for an all-source discussion of projects relating to intelligence. It has been and will continue to be well worth all of our time and effort if all we do is listen to each other's activities and offer informal comments. I have noted for example that Dr. Lukasik on a number of occasions has volunteered ARPA projects to supplement ongoing work. In addition, this kind of forum will tend to preclude duplicative efforts from proceeding to the point where valuable resources are being wasted.

I believe that the Council could be used in a direct advisory capacity for new projects which impact on all the organizations represented on the Council. For example, benefit of the Council's oversight of the [redacted] will materially assist in its successful outcome.

For the future, I believe that a logical next step would be that the Council could serve as a forum for informal discussions where members would comment on the overall program and brainstorm where we should be orienting our R&D efforts. Such informal sessions might generate R&D interests into areas which are not yet in anyone's program.



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