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8 June 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

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SUBJECT: Tactical ELINT Exercises with EUCOM

A Soviet maneuver is getting underway now in the Odessa area (see Tab A for location). This may turn out to be a comprehensive land, sea, and air operation. It looks like a good target for another tactical ELINT trial with EUCOM. Although time is short, John Hughes and I have agreed on a plan to do that.

STRAWMAN, TRIPOS/SOUSEA, and POPPY will be involved. EUCOM has generated a request which SORS is being asked (by DIA) to approve ~~immediately~~. Reporting (fastest possible) is to begin around 10 June 71. NSA is being asked to report directly [redacted] to EEIC (possibly via DIA for convenience and speed); this particular arrangement has not been agreed to by NSA, but may be in the next day or so.

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The [redacted] exercise will give us a good chance to sharpen up on procedures. The main factors to be logged will be timeliness of our reports, which will presumably not be duplicated in content very much by EUCOM organic or in-theatre ELINT capabilities.

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In August, we will plan to try again--against the forecast Warsaw Pact exercise. In this latter case, there will be a further opportunity to compare both in-theatre and satellite ELINT sources for timeliness and content.

I will keep you posted as our plans develop for the [redacted] exercise.

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This is a progress report on the plan described in my memorandum on this subject, 8 June.

SORS will act today on the EUCOM/DIA request for rapid reporting on the Soviet maneuvers in the [redacted] area. If SORS approves, the special reporting procedures will begin next Monday, 14 June 71.

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STRAWMAN and TRIPOS/SOUSEA data will go [redacted] to Ft. Meade (Satellite Systems Support Center or SSSC); at the SSSC a header will be removed from the incoming messages which will then be immediately relayed to the EEIC in Weisbaden via CRITICOM circuits. This arrangement should be every bit as fast as the TANGIBLE reporting.

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At today's meeting the SORS did approve the rapid reporting effort against the Russian exercise in The effective start date is 10 June 1971.

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