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ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER OF 18 FEBRUARY 1976

The Executive Order revising the United States Foreign Intelligence Community raises numerous questions of concern to the NRO. The following items are broken down into two categories: those requiring action, and those which requires definition or answers before we can determine whether or not action is needed.

The Executive Order strengthens the position of the NRO. *as per memo*  
It is the strongest endorsement ever offered to the Intelligence Community by the President and formally makes the NRO a part of the Intelligence Community.

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ACTIONS NEEDED

1. An ~~NSCID~~ <sup>Charter</sup> for the NRO.

- The Executive Order requires that existing NSCIDs be amended.
- Mr. Latimer suggests that we draft an ~~NSCID~~ <sup>Charter</sup> to be given to Mr. Ellsworth.
- An NSCID can be the vehicle for assuring continued streamlined management.
- It should establish the DNRO in a joint agency management role.
- It can deal with the "fact of."

2. A CFID may be needed to cover the NRO.

- It could cover conduct of "ExComs" including membership.
- It could serve to outline relationships with OMB.
- The NRO action <sup>is</sup> to recommend appropriate inputs to CFIDs.

3. DOD Directive 5100.23 needs revision.

- Could be issued as ~~TOP SECRET~~ or TALENT-KEYHOLE or TOP SECRET.
- NRO action, for Mr. Ellsworth.

4. Waiver to section V on surveillance.

- The NRO Staff is preparing requests for necessary waivers to permit Continental U.S. testing of our collection systems.

5. Reorganization of USIB.

- We need to continue to work in a USIB-type framework.

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- NRO should participate in discussion of USIB and  
Committee restructuring.

6. Need to revise the NSCID No. 6, NRO/NSA Interface.

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QUESTIONS NEEDING ANSWERS

1. Definition of national versus tactical.
  - Colonel [REDACTED] paper addresses this.
2. How are national and tactical requirements integrated and satisfied?
3. Definition of overt versus covert.
  - CIA appears to be the only agency with a covert charter.
4. Definition of "sensitive intelligence."
  - Does this cover the NRO?
5. What is the role of the IC Staff vis-a-vis the NRO?
6. What is the NRO relationship to the Intelligence Oversight Board and the PFIAB?
7. Where does the NRP budget appear? In the DOD budget or as a separate intelligence line item.
8. What will be our relationship to the ASD(I) Staff?
9. Will the NRO work directly with Congress as at the present?

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