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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Security Center

SUBJECT : QUILL End Product

1. Attached is a resume of our discussion with Lt. Colonel John Pietz setting out background information regarding QUILL. This resume also reports Pietz's feeling that the end product of QUILL should be protected in the BYEMAN System. It is assumed that Pietz is only repeating the feelings of General Greer.

2. Also attached are the recommendations of Mr. Louis Mazza that the QUILL end product remain in the BYEMAN System.

3. In addition an attached TWX from General Stewart to General Greer [REDACTED] sets out a recommendation that an intelligence evaluation team be formed to review the QUILL end product and help determine future actions.

4. General Greer's reply [REDACTED], which was concurred in by General Stewart [REDACTED], disagreed with premature action to establish an evaluation team. In General Greer's reasoning he set out the highly experimental nature of the QUILL Project and the total lack of adaptability of the present QUILL payloads to any operational effort. He recommended that no evaluation team be established until the product has been recovered and reconstituted.

5. As Mr. Reber has asked for your opinion concerning the protection of the QUILL end product, it is recommended that you advise him that it will at this time be protected under the BYEMAN System. This recommendation is based on the following facts:

(a) QUILL is a feasibility experimentation.

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- (b) Present hardware cannot be utilized operationally.
- (c) The end product will, if successful, be of no intelligence value since it will scan only U. S. territory.
- (d) After a successful experimentation, a decision must still be reached concerning any future intelligence use.
- (e) Director Program "A", the DNRO and you wish to maintain the end product in the BYEMAN System at this time.

  
Survey Officer, Survey Branch

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