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Memorandum

TO : Chief, General Sciences Division/SI

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FROM : Chief, Astro-Geophysics Branch, GSD/SI

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SUBJECT: Weather Modification

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1. For your information some attachments are provided which show the extent of interest and trends in weather modification research in the United States. For example, Federal support for 1967 will be four times that for 1963 and over twice as large as that in 1965. The copy of the letter from President Johnson to the Secretary of Commerce shows that an expanding program has White House backing.

2. At the recent Interagency Conference on Weather Modification sponsored by the National Science Foundation, it was indicated that the level of Federal support for weather modification research may be increased several orders of magnitude over the presently projected 1967 level.

3. AGB has in the past furnished intelligence support to various high level committees. Currently we enjoy good working relations with the National Science Foundation which plays a leading role in coordinating the programs. At the recent Interagency Conference on Weather Modification, Dr. Earl G. Droessler, Chairman of the Conference and Head of the Atmospheric Sciences Section of NSF, privately congratulated [redacted] on his latest SIR on Soviet weather modification and indicated that it had been very helpful.

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4. As the U.S. weather modification program expands, we are likely to have increasing demands for intelligence on Soviet accomplishments. The Soviets are also enlarging their program, and the problem of determining their progress is extremely difficult. Our present staffing allows us to utilize about one-half the time of one analyst on meteorology. I am not particularly trying to make a case for additional help, but I believe that you should be aware of our limitations for future coverage of this field.

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