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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF, U. S. ARMY

I have reviewed General Oberbeck's memorandum of 14 September 1962, subject: "Project 39a Concepts".

I agree that the basic integrating function for Staff efforts should be included within the Office of the Chief of Staff and that Alternative B, in General Oberbeck's paper should be adopted.

As to the study and analysis capability which should exist within the Office, Chief of Staff, my views are as follows:

1. This office should be able to perform directly for the Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Army such selected independent cost effectiveness, systems analysis, and other type studies as may be assigned, as well as to provide guidance, review, and analysis of similar studies produced by the Staff and commands. When necessary, the studies should incorporate political and economic, as well as military and technical matters.

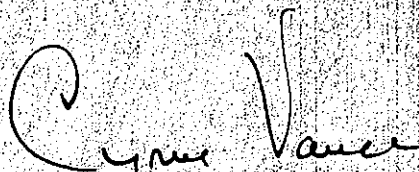
2. It should have the capability to provide, within policies established by the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff, continuing and meaningful guidance and coordination to the efforts of the various agencies, both military and civilian, which conduct long range and operational research-type studies. I have in mind here such organizations as the Long Range Analysis Group in DCSOPS, Research Analysis Corporation, Stanford Research Institute, etc.

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I would look to this organization to analyze the various possibilities and implications of major shifts in organization, weaponry, and deployments, as well as other major Army policies, and to prepare recommendations on these matters, either independently or coordinated with the Staff, for my consideration and that of the Chief of Staff.

In view of the requirement for this expanded review and analysis capability in the Office, Chief of Staff and the contemplated reduction of such capability in the Office of the Under Secretary, some personnel augmentation in the Office of the Chief of Staff may be necessary.



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Secretary of the Army