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Hank:
Attached is a proposed draft letter to Low Allen on SIGINT, for any changes you may wish.

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Lieutenant General Lew Allen, Jr., USAF
Director, National Security Agency
Fort George Meade, Maryland 20755

Dear Lew:

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With the strong belief that it is in our mutual interest to move rapidly toward a harmonious and lasting understanding between our two agencies in the SIGINT area, I have asked [redacted] to chair an Agency task force to report to me by mid-January 1977 on the best ways to attain this objective. His two teammates on this task force will be [redacted] of Division D and Jim Hirsch of the Office of SIGINT.

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While the task force will be initially concerned with an inventory of CIA resources and consideration of what is important to CIA itself in the SIGINT world, it will soon reach the point of debating how CIA can contribute to the Community at-large and how CIA should relate with NSA. Even before this point is reached, the task force will want to engage in an informal dialogue with someone at NSA on a wide range of subjects. It occurs to me that you may now wish to consider who that individual might be. I should think he would be an officer who enjoys your complete confidence.

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In the near future, [redacted] will call on you and [redacted] to describe all this in more detail. Incidentally, during the duration of the task force, [redacted] will be the CIA SIGINT Officer--a role of mutual interest to you and to us. [redacted] will be asking for your views as to what should be the nature and purpose of this role.

Faithfully yours,

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E. H. Knoche

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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In the near future I would like to introduce formally to you in his new capacity. He will also serve temporarily as the CIA SIGINT Officer while defining for me a clearer role for this position.

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Sincerely,

Enno H. Knoche
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence