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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE PROCUREMENT

SUBJECT: Corporate Information Management (CIM) and Procurement

Thank you for your May 10, 1991 memorandum on this subject. You have my full support in establishing a Corporate Information Management (CIM) Procurement Group and I stand ready to assist in this endeavor.

I was glad to see that you have recognized the requirement for the CIM Procurement Group to work closely with the CIM Materiel Management Group on establishing total procurement requirements. As you know, the CIM Materiel Management Group has been working on certain aspects of procurement. I can assist you in making sure there is close coordination to avoid any duplication of efforts.

Finally, I should like to recommend that you consider following an organizational structure similar to that established by the ASD(L) and the ASD(Health Services). Under your direction, such an organization would be responsible for functional integration management and would be responsible for managing successful implementation of information systems to support procurement.

A supporting organization, responsible for technical integration, would also be established at the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). The technical integration manager would work closely with your functional integration manager to ensure compliance with DoD-wide information technology and technical architecture policy and guidance. I can provide more details on how these organizations would function and how such effort could be initially funded and staffed.

I look forward to working with you in the establishment of the CIM functional group for procurement.

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