



Notes from the Director

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REORGANIZATION

As I mentioned to the two groups I addressed in the auditorium on 8 and 9 August, I am very happy with the President's decision on reorganization of the Intelligence Community. (The actual decision was published in Director's Notes #9 of 5 August.) The principal points in the President's decision were:

- (1) To create a high level committee chaired by the DCI to set priorities for collecting and producing intelligence so as to meet the needs of our consumers.
- (2) To give the DCI full control of the budget for the National Foreign Intelligence Program.
- (3) To give the DCI full control of the operational tasking of all intelligence collection by elements of the National Foreign Intelligence Program.

These actions will strengthen the role of the DCI and with it the importance of the CIA. They will not require any substantial changes within the Agency. I have decided, however, to effect one reorganization within the Agency which we have been contemplating for some time. This is the merger of DDI and NIO.

Dr. Bowie, Dr. Stevens and I all believe that a closer association between these two production elements will strengthen them both. Details of how this merger will be accomplished are being published separately.

Beyond this internal matter, there will be some rearrangements within the Community, such as creation of a National Intelligence Tasking Center to fulfill the role of centralizing the control of collecting intelligence. The details of how this and related changes are made will require approval of Congress and others and hence are not firm at this time.

I am pleased that the principal uncertainties involved in the reorganization question are behind us and that we can concentrate even more on our task of providing good intelligence.

MKULTRA DOCUMENTS

The reception on the Hill on our testimony about the newly discovered documents on MKULTRA drug and other testing activities and press coverage of the story to date are encouraging. Our decision to come forward promptly and openly on the new discovery, I believe, was correct. Had we delayed for further study and analysis, I am convinced the documents would have found their way into the public domain and would have been treated in a far more sensational manner.

We have now sanitized and released to 28 requestors more than 3,300 of the estimated 5,000 pages discovered. This has taken untold hours of difficult work. I commend highly and extend my personal thanks to those dedicated employees who are working so very hard on this project.

As I indicated in my testimony, virtually all the activities discussed in the new documents had been reported previously to the appropriate Congressional Committees, including the Church Committee. However, the new documents provided additional information about those activities in the form of the names of universities and institutions which had been involved, unwittingly or wittingly. The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence now has the unsanitized version of all the documents. Moreover, we have in the past few days sent letters to each of the universities and institutions informing them of the fact that the Agency has uncovered new information which names them as having participated in some way.

OUTREACH

I hope you are as pleased as I am with the positive reaction we have received from the "60 Minutes" program on the Agency. I am convinced that such activities further our objectives of seeking better public understanding of what the Agency does and why, and getting our explanation of Agency activities promptly before the public.

You might be interested in some of the proposals that are in the "talking" stage. I have agreed in principle to appear on the ABC-TV program "Issues and Answers" in the fall. We will also permit ABC's "Good Morning America" to film within the Agency for an hour program they are planning in connection with our 30th Anniversary. ABC has agreed to confine all filming to a single Saturday to simplify security.

Contrary to recent news reports, we still have not made a decision on public tours. We are awaiting completion of the exhibits, after which we will run the tours for families of employees, probably near the end of September. Only then, with your help, will we decide whether to permit tours of any type of the Agency.

SECURITY

In a speech in Los Angeles on 12 August, I expressed my deep concern with several evidences we have had of laxness in industrial security, e.g., the

Boyce-Lee espionage case. I described my firm intent to tighten up through more frequent surprise inspections, withdrawal of security clearances where warranted, and more emphasis on security in the awarding of contracts. Industrial security, however, is not solely the concern of industry. We, too, at the Agency play an important role from many of our offices. Some are concerned with supporting industry's efforts, some with inspecting, and many of us deal with representatives of industry daily and must set a good example of security consciousness. Please give this serious problem your immediate attention.

ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE DEAF

I would like you all to know of the excellent work of the Deaf Sign Language Study Group which supports and assists those who are deaf and those who work in offices where the deaf are employed. I was most impressed to learn that we already have two groups studying sign language. I am also delighted to find we have a Self Study Center through which videocassettes of interest to the deaf are available. This is a program which I strongly support and will be following with great interest.

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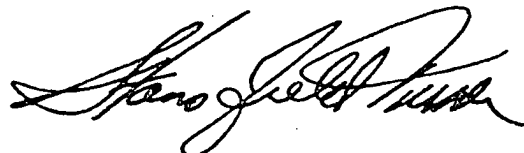
I consider the "Notes" one of my principal means of communicating directly with each of you. Meeting with small groups, appearances in the auditorium, informal lunches and special memorandum are other principal ways I try to keep you abreast of my thinking on matters of concern to all of us.

I continue to hear complaints that the "Notes" are not finding their way to all employees. I believe sufficient copies are printed. So I urge that all supervisors circulate them as expeditiously as possible and urge employees to share them with each other.

Copies are placed on many office bulletin boards and on the main bulletin board near the Credit Union in the Headquarters building.

NEXT ISSUE

In the next issue of the "Notes" I will discuss the status of the Agency's relations with the Academic Community, a matter that is of considerable concern to all of us.



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