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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Acting Assistant Director, Office of  
Dissemination

DATE: 29 August 1946

FROM : Acting Chief, Interdepartmental Coordinating  
and Planning Staff

SUBJECT: Informing Intelligence Division, WDGS of Organization and Functions of CIG

1. A representative of this office has been informed by several branch chiefs of the Intelligence Division, WDGS, that their personnel are most interested in being informed of the organizational outline and functions of CIG. The Assistant Executive Director has been consulted concerning copies of charts to be furnished a few key personnel of G-2 and arrangements therefor are being made.

2. It was further suggested that G-2 would like to have a representative of CIG explain the organizational chart at one of their Morning Intelligence Conferences and this matter is referred to your office for action. Informal arrangements for the date and time and other details will be handled by Colonel Edwards, who will make the necessary contacts for you at your convenience.



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BRIEF DISCUSSION ON ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF CIG

Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure for a naval officer to be addressing an army assemblage at any time, but particularly in this instance, as the Central Intelligence Group is a merger that we are all agreed upon as essential to our better attack upon our National Intelligence problem.

I have been asked to give you a brief explanation of the organization and functions of CIG, which will really be brief because of the short time allowed, but which I hope will clarify some questions in your mind.

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CIG was created by the <sup>presidential</sup> [ ] directive of 22 January 1946 which established the National Intelligence Authority. The war greatly increased a general understanding of the need for better intelligence and proved conclusively that the efforts of the various intelligence agencies should be coordinated to efficiently produce the best possible intelligence. The <sup>presidential</sup> [ ] directive establishes a means to accomplish this required coordination.

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I have placed here two diagrams. The finished diagram shows you the established relationship between the intelligence agencies and CIG through the IAB and NIA. For lack of time I will not discuss that chart unless questions are asked later.

Show NIA authority is in effect pooling of authority of deptl. Secretaries. Hence, no competition between agencies and CIG

The simple chart is the current outline of CIG organization which I will discuss briefly.

DIRECTOR

The organization is headed up by a Director and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. The current Director is Lt. Gen. Vandenberg, formerly of this office. No Deputy Director has yet been appointed.

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The Director is responsible to the NIA, as its executive for the planning, development, and coordination of Federal Intelligence Agencies to assure the most effective accomplishment of the Intelligence Mission related to the National Security. The IAB is authorized to advise the Director on matters relating to their respective departments.

#### CONTROL STAFFS

Directly under the Director are two units of the organization set up for the general coordination, planning and administration of the entire organization, and for controlling its relation to the other agencies. These are the Executive Staff and the Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff - which we call ICAPS for short.

#### EXECUTIVE STAFF

Colonel Wright of the Army Ground Forces is the present Executive Director, with  of the Army Ground Forces as his deputy. The Executive Staff consists of a CIG Secretariat, an Advisory Board, and an Administrative and Personnel Branch. The Staff supervises and coordinates the operations of the CIG organization and acts in every way possible to relieve the Director of details of routine nature and administration. It handles all problems of personnel, communications, finance, legal affairs, security, central records, messenger service, message center, reproduction, etc. It may be the catch-all of work, but every function performed here is absolutely essential to the smooth operation of the whole organization.

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#### ICAPS

Also directly under the Director is the Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff previously referred to as ICAPS. Chief of the Staff is Mr. Edgar of the State Department. The duties of deputy chief are rotated between members as desirable.

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This Staff is the key outfit to the relationship between CIG and other agencies, and to coordination of their efforts. Its members are carefully selected, high-level officers each of whom is acceptable to his own service agency as its representative in CIG affairs. Each should have some previous knowledge of intelligence work and must at least have a thorough knowledge of his own service agency organization so that he can readily establish control liaison for all projects.

IGAPS acts for the Director in coordination of all intelligence activities related to the National Security, and in preparation of recommendations regarding the establishment of overall policies and plans to assure the most effective accomplishment of the intelligence mission. In discharging these responsibilities, it will maintain continuous supervision of the planning and coordination of CIG also.

General procedure will be to face each problem separately, call a round-table conference of agency representatives concerned with the problem, from which a workable plan, satisfactory to all agencies, will be evolved and submitted to the Director for approval and issuance as a CIG directive. The directive will go to the CIG offices and the agencies who are thereafter responsible for its execution. IGAPS responsibility for supervision and coordination of the plan, however, is a continuing one.

#### OPERATING OFFICES

Under the control of the Director and the two Staffs just described are four major operational offices, each headed by an Assistant Director for the special function of the office, and a Deputy Assistant Director. In the top jobs in these offices equal representation of the four agencies is maintained insofar as possible.

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**OFFICE OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS**

The Assistant Director for the Office of Special Operations is now Colonel Galloway of the Army Ground Forces, with [redacted] of the Navy as Deputy. Because of the special nature of this office its organization and functions are not generally discussed, but suffice to say, you know that the SSU has been functioning under army appropriations and must soon fold up, while its functions must go on.

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**COLLECTION**

The Acting Assistant Director for the Office of Collection is now [redacted] of the Army Air Forces, with no Deputy yet assigned.

The Office of Collection receives from the Office of Research and Evaluation their requirements for information, and acts for the Director in coordinating with the agencies and other governmental departments in determining the best means and methods for obtaining that information, and in the collection of same.

The office is also responsible for the establishment of administrative channels for the rapid distribution of all information to the appropriate persons within CIG.

The Foreign Broadcast Information Service operates as a branch of the Office of Collection. It has listening stations throughout the world for monitoring broadcasts of all foreign ports. This information is published daily in mimeograph form and distributed to authorized recipients.

Another branch of the Office of Collection is the Security Branch, which establishes overall security measures for CIG, and coordinates the overall security measures of the intelligence agencies.

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**ORE**

The Acting Assistant Director for the Office of Research and Evaluation is Mr. Huddle of the State Department, with [ ] formerly of the Army Air Forces as his Deputy.

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This office, in close coordination with the intelligence agencies, will determine the intelligence requirements of the U. S. Government, and will prepare and keep current a Central Intelligence Plan.

They establish the requirements for information needed by CIG and provide same to the Office of Collection.

They review, evaluate and integrate the information received from all sources, to assure that complete and adequate intelligence is being produced, and where inadequacies are noted proper arrangements are made.

They check all raw information received for adequacy and appropriateness of distribution to other [ ] government agencies and arrange to amplify as required.

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Currently, the only intelligence produced by ORE has been the Daily and Weekly Summary, and a few small special studies produced on special request.

To accomplish the above, ORE will have under it a Reports Staff, 6 regional branches, Scientific, Biographical and Functional Branches, and an intelligence library.

**DISSEMINATION**

The present Assistant Director for the Office of Dissemination is myself, with [ ] of the Army Ground Forces as Deputy.

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The office collaborates closely with ORE to determine the final published form of CIG intelligence, and arranges for the final production and dissemination of same. In this respect the office is also responsible for surveying the needs

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and security of all governmental departments, agencies or organizations for GIG intelligence, so that dissemination will be appropriate and adequate.

A special presentation branch is also maintained, with a small lecture group and a situation room, for graphic and oral presentations of appropriate phases of the world situation, and for individual and general briefing purposes.

That, Gentlemen, broadly covers the present organization and functions of GIG. I might say that it is still tentative as the outfit is feeling its way to find the best working setup.

In closing I wish to say, that from the General on down all hands in GIG are anxious to set up an organization and a relationship with all agencies, which will be congenial, cooperative and effective so as to accomplish the ends of the President's Directive. It is appreciated by all that the development of a new intelligence group will arouse departmental jealousies within the other agencies and for that reason we wish to impress all with the fact that GIG has no intention of absorbing the work or interests of any agency unless the Director, the agency director concerned, and probably all of IAB agree that it is to the best interests of National Intelligence. Our primary interest at this time is to get the agencies together on each individual subject to eliminate waste and duplication, to coordinate work in field and office, to produce full essential National Intelligence. We hope in this effort we can receive the full cooperation of personnel of each of the agencies.

I will be pleased to answer any questions if time permits.

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