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Deputy Director

Assistant Director for Collection & Dissemination

CIG Directive No. 18

1. The attached draft directive (Tab A) proposed by ICAPS for recommended issuance by you to the undersigned, has been referred to the Office of Collection and Dissemination for concurrence.

2. This Office does not concur in Tab A for the following reasons (paragraph numbers below refer to the corresponding numbered paragraphs of Tab A):

A. Paragraphs 1 and 2: It is believed that the issuance by CIG (OCD) of a formal request to the IAB member agencies in order to obtain copies of all outstanding and future agency collection directives for review by CIG to determine their appropriateness under NIA Directive No. 7 and CIG Directive No. 18 would be considered an unwarranted intrusion and interference by CIG in departmental intelligence affairs.

Through its normal and established contacts, OCD is gradually gaining the confidence of the agency collecting offices and is receiving, in increasing numbers, copies of agency collection directives to the field. These directives are currently being scanned by OCD to determine their adherence to policies pertaining to agency collection responsibilities. OCD now receives copies of all War Department intelligence collection requests and is beginning to obtain similar requests issued by the Navy Department. It might be pointed out that the establishment of similar arrangements with the State Department poses a difficult problem in view of the relationship of office to other offices in the State Department. 25X1

b. Paragraphs 3 and 4: It is believed that the substance of these two paragraphs is sufficiently covered by existing CIG operating procedure, and need not be included in the directives:

(1) Obviously, recommendations arising from reviews of agency collection directives will be transmitted to ICAPS if such recommendations pertain to possible revisions of existing NIA or CIG policies which would necessarily require the formulation of appropriate interdepartmental policies under ICAPS sponsorship.

(2) Formal communications developed as a result of review of agency collection requests may, in many cases, appropriately be signed by the Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination in the discharge of operational responsibilities delegated to him. This Office will, as a matter of course, in connection with its functions of coordinating and reviewing agency collection directives, draw the attention of Director of Central Intelligence to any flagrant violations of the provisions of NIA Directive No. 7 and CIG Directive No. 18, and will prepare communications for the Director's or Deputy Director's signature when it is deemed that the matter is of sufficient importance to warrant such action.

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g. Paragraphs 5 and 6: OCD interposes no objections to the conduct by ICAPS of monthly interagency collection meetings, providing such meetings are limited to the purpose specified in the Deputy Director's memorandum, dated 29 January 1947, subject: "Implementation of NIA Directive No. 7". These meetings should consider only collection policy matters which require ultimate resolution by interdepartmental (IAB) action. It is not believed that ICAPS' meetings on collection should consider operational collection coordination problems which are possible of solution within established NIA or CIG policies; such problems can be adequately handled at informal meetings sponsored by OCD.

3. It is recommended that the draft directive (Tab B), prepared by this Office, be approved in lieu of Tab A.

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Tabs A and B

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