

5 January 1959

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence**

**SUBJECT: MIS Program.**

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1. You will recall that during our meeting with [REDACTED] at which time it was agreed that the Department of State would budget for its portion of the MIS Program, you indicated that you planned to curtail this Program somewhat whereupon [REDACTED] requested that the Department be advised in writing of this probable reduction. This has been done, and the Department has been advised that while the total amount of funds which it had planned for this activity have been included in the budget without prejudice, they are also included without commitment that they will actually be released.

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2. Under the new arrangement, CIA will still be spending approximately [REDACTED] per year on this Program if it is to continue at its present level. We have, of course, heard [REDACTED]'s briefing on the Program, but as far as I know no definite plans have been made for a reduction thereof.

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3. Inasmuch as a curtailment of the Program would affect not only CIA but several other agencies, if we are to effect a reduction during Fiscal Year 1960 I suggest that some definite plans along these lines be made without delay. Also, as I understand it the Manpower Task Force which you have appointed would not be authorized to study this function, their duties being confined to the efficient use of personnel. Accordingly, I would recommend that a special group be appointed to study the matter and make recommendations for a reduction not later than 15 February 1959.

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