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19 August 1957

MEMORANDUM

To : John Heires, Secretary, IAC

From :  Committee on International Communism (CC)

Subject: Report Pursuant to IAC Directive - Reference  
IAC-D-99/2, dated January 24, 1956

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In accordance with paragraph 7 of the IAC directive under reference, the Committee on International Communism submits its report after one year of work. Preparation of this report has been delayed, and the work of the Committee has been interrupted, both by events abroad and by inevitable absences of members.

The CC was directed to study the following principal problems:

"5. The Committee will:

a. Consider and recommend appropriate action on matters related to:

- 1) National requirements and priorities.
- 2) Agency requirements.
- 3) Means of coordination to meet national and agency requirements.

b. Consider developments in the international Communist movement insofar as they relate to requirements."

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"6. The Committee shall report to the IAC at the end of one year. This report shall contain a summary of the Committee's accomplishments, the status of intelligence on international Communism and recommendations as to the future activities of the Committee."

In its July 17, 1956 interim report (IAC-D-99/3) the Committee proposed to:

- a. Complete its general survey of intelligence collection and evaluation;
- b. Prepare a report to the IAC on the results of the general survey with suggestions for priorities and future appropriate action;
- c. Shape its future work in accordance with the findings and proposals of the above report.

The Committee has formulated and on April 8, 1957 sent to the IAC for approval a list of Priority National Intelligence Objectives in the Field of International Communism. It has considered at length the elaboration of specific requirements based upon its proposed list of priorities. It has agreed that coordinated country-by-country requirements would be helpful but is convinced by experience gained with a pilot study of [ ] that neither the Committee nor a sub-committee is well adapted to this task. The Committee has concluded that the existing machinery for the formulation and laying of specific covert requirements in the field of international Communism can, now that priority is established by its previous action, be adapted to the new function and should not be duplicated.

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The Committee therefore proposes adoption of a procedure suggested by CIA, whereby CIA will make available its schedule on preparation of internal field directives to each Committee member who desires to participate in formulating country-by-country requirements. Each participating agency will then submit its country

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requirements on international Communism to CIA at least 30 days prior to the deadline. CIA, in turn, will circulate its proposed draft requirements 15 days before the deadline and each participating agency may then submit comments or amendments for incorporation in the final list of requirements. These consolidated requirements will then be sent by CIA to the Inter-Agency Priorities Committee (IPC) for endorsement, after which they will be accepted by CIA for covert procurement. Subject to the agreement of the IPC, an appropriate version of these covert requirements will then be sent for the information and general guidance of overt collectors in the area concerned.

The Committee has also examined the status of intelligence on international Communism. It has concluded that although collection of raw intelligence and production of finished intelligence fall far short of the ideal in scope and depth, both are reasonably close to attainable limits at the present time. The development of coordinated covert requirements on international Communism, as envisaged by the Committee's proposed requirements procedure above, will contribute, we believe, to correcting deficiencies existing in some areas.

The Committee believes that it should remain in existence to review the results of the requirements formulated under the proposed procedures, and to consider future changes in the basic Priority National Intelligence Objectives (DCID-4) in order to be able to recommend appropriate modifications in those derived from them for international Communism.

Recommendations:

1. That the IAC take note of this report.
2. That the IAC approve the proposed covert requirements coordination procedure.
3. That the IAC extend the life of the Committee indefinitely so that it may report on progress in preparing coordinated country requirements and recommend changes in the Priority National Intelligence Objectives in the field of international Communism.