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23 September 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: ARMY, NAVY AND STATE MEMBERS OF COMSEC

SUBJECT: Watch Committee

REFERENCE:

- the above agencies*
- (a) Replies from AD/OPS and Chief, Advisory Council to circular of 15 August transmitting the proposal of 4 August giving suggested changes.
 - (b) Memo from Chief, Advisory Council dated 22 September
 - (c) Memo from AD/OPS dated 23 September

1. Why OPS cannot accept some or all of the changes suggested in Reference (a), I do not know. I suggest you have a meeting to talk them over with those in CIA at present operating the Watch Committee. And then talk them over with the State, Army and Navy Standing Committee Members. Most of them (including CIA) are still maintaining the positions they did months ago which stymied our first attempt at converting the Check List Group into a Watch Committee.

2. Apparently it is okay for the Pentagon to have their Reckering Committee, but it should supplement and work with the Watch Committee, not replace it or by-pass it. If it is so purely "military" and if there is a real Interagency Watch Committee, I don't see why State and CIA are even observers on the Reckering Committee, other than to pass the time of day or broaden the mind. Certainly they should not be participants for then it would surely duplicate the Watch Committee.

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cc: Chief, Advisory Council
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