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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
Washington 25

Dec. 13, 1949

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, USN
Director
Central Intelligence Agency *DOC Exempt Letter On File*
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

I should like to request your Agency to extend its participation in the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Requirements and its Operating Committee to include a CIA representative on the R Procedure Subcommittee.

As you know, this Subcommittee is responsible for the interagency review of export license applications and export programs in the light of national security objectives.

I have been impressed with the excellent character of CIA representation on the Advisory and Operating Committees. Your representative has been of great value in enabling these committees to reach sound judgments on export control problems having a bearing on national security.

CIA representation would contribute materially to the operations of the Subcommittee in effecting a more thorough and rapid review of important export applications. It would bring to the Subcommittee benefits arising from the extensive foreign commercial intelligence of CIA, resulting in sound judgments consistent with national security objectives.

The desirability of CIA representation on the R Procedure Subcommittee has been recognized by other Government agencies participating in the Subcommittee. Brigadier General E. C. Langford, Director for Military Programs, Munitions Board, has strongly recommended CIA participation, and has informed me that preliminary discussions on this subject have been had with [REDACTED]

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Your approval of this request, and designation of a CIA representative to the Subcommittee, will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

c/ THOMAS C. BLAISDELL, Jr.

Assistant Secretary of Commerce

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