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x TO: Director of Central Intelligence

15 MAY 1946

x FROM: Chief, Central Planning Staff

Enclosure:

Draft CIG Directive
No. _____, Sub: Interim
Survey of the Adequacy
of Intelligence
Facilities Related
to the National
Security.

Subject: Adequacy of Intelligence Facilities Related to the National Security.

1. There are indications that impending dissipation of departmental intelligence resources may soon reach the point where the H.I.A. will be unable effectively to discharge its responsibilities relating to the national security.

2. a. The Central Planning Staff is charged with assisting the Director in planning for the coordination of intelligence activities related to the national security, and in preparing recommendations regarding the establishment of such overall policies and objectives as will assure the most effective accomplishment of the national intelligence mission. It has begun this task with the personnel available.

b. It is apparent that the initial overall surveys of the intelligence problem will take many months. Decisions which will result from this survey cannot be implemented for some time after its completion.

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g. Meanwhile, the intelligence facilities in existence when the N.I.A. was formed have been changed and further changes are imminent. Specifically, the intelligence agency of State has undergone a reorganization, whose effect is not yet apparent; both ONI and MID are faced with material cuts of strength which may dangerously weaken their intelligence facilities. Thus, the concept of a strong central intelligence coordinating agency, dependent on four major producing agencies, may be jeopardized before the initial coordination can be effected.

3. It is considered, therefore, that an interim broad survey of the adequacy of existing intelligence facilities of the agencies subject to N.I.A. control should be made immediately with a view to ascertaining if any interim action is required and is feasible.

4. A draft of a proposed directive required for this broad survey is attached.

Paras 1 and 2 of the Directive may be considered too repetitious of what is well known but have been deliberately so written in view of the delicacy of this matter.

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