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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

SUBJECT: Central Planning Staff Action on Adequacy of Existing Intelligence Facilities with the State, War, and Navy Departments.

1. It is believed that negotiations conducted by General Vandenberg with the members of NIA, subsequent to his assuming charge of CIG on 10 June 1946, have sufficiently modified the picture portrayed in CIG Directive No. 12 of 7 June 1946 to make it inappropriate to carry the project to its originally planned conclusion.
2. It is believed, however, that the NIA may not be fully cognizant of the weakening of the overall intelligence structure caused by reductions already effected and probably do not realize the effect on the intelligence effort of their respective departments caused by necessary weakening of the intelligence effort of other departments.
3. In view of the recent directives from the President, requiring further reduction in expenditures by various governmental agencies, it is recommended that a summary of the existing situation be prepared: (1) for distribution to the members of the IAB, and (2) for personal presentation by the Director at the next meeting of the NIA.
4. The subject of adequacy of existing intelligence facilities with State, War, and Navy, falls within the purview of the ICAPS. A study is being initiated by ICAPS covering all aspects of the present foreign intelligence structures of the government.
5. It is recommended, therefore, that no further action be taken on the subject paper, except that proposed in paragraph 3 above, and it be returned to ICAPS for file.

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