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SCIENTIFIC ATTACHES

1. This subject is discussed in IAB 5 of 16 September 1947. The type (and extensive details, in many instances) of scientific information which is needed by the intelligence agencies is generally well known as well as the inadequacy of present coverage. The necessity and urgency for collecting these data directly from abroad are recognized.

2. Problems to be considered include:

- a. the type of person needed to collect this information, availability of such personnel, training before departure from the U. S.;
- b. how and by whom recruited and paid;
- c. the manner in which he would work;
- d. most important countries where such attaches should be assigned;
- e. the most practical way in which this matter could be handled considering the "Iron Curtain" regulations and psychology obtaining in many countries; and
- f. whether an overt and/or covert method of collection is the most desirable or necessary. This might vary according to countries.

3. Excerpts from a State Department communication on the inter-departmental production program entitled "Production of Scientific and Technological Intelligence" is enclosed as of related interest.

4. A first proposal of an NSCID on Scientific Attaches is also transmitted herewith for consideration at the meeting of the Standing Committee.

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- (A) Excerpts from State Department communication
- (B) First proposal of an NSCID on Scientific Attaches

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