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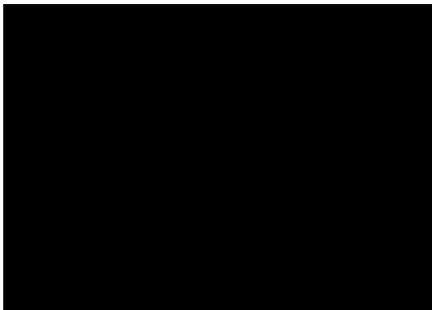
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SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE PRESIDED OVER BY [REDACTED] ON AUGUST 23, 1946

The following were present:

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The meeting was opened at about 1345 by [REDACTED] who explained that recent developments had indicated the advisability of possible revisions in the organization of the CIG with respect to relationships and functions of the Executive Staff and ICAPS. [REDACTED] explained the present functional organization as established in comparison to that of the War Department and pointed out similar features existing in the two organizations.

Upon invitation of comments there ensued lengthy discussions by individuals present who in the majority of cases illustrated their suggestions or comments by diagramatic sketches on the black board. Although the discussions touched upon a variety of connected subjects in organization and definitions of various organizational terms it was emphasized repeatedly by [REDACTED] that the coordinating and planning mission of ICAPS which includes a supervisory function over the offices of CIG required a strong independent organization responsible directly to the Director. ICAPS on several occasions was referred to as the CIG's "spark-plug"

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[REDACTED] pointed out the overlap of his Operations Branch with the supervisory function of ICAPS, and pressed for a clarification of the relationship. In this connection there was much discussion over the definitions of operations as opposed to coordination.

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Finally [REDACTED] proposed that the Operations Branch of the Executive Staff be transferred to the ICAPS. It was pointed out at this time that the Operations Branch was concerned mainly with the functional organization of the CIG which should more properly fit into the ICAPS structure. Colonel [REDACTED] agreed to this transfer and decision was made to effect this change.

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Thereafter [redacted] referred to a recent occurrence which caused the Director to believe that there were certain deficiencies in the present arrangement for delivery to CIG by the participating departments of despatches relative to national intelligence and security. This situation led to the Director's expressed desire to maintain teletype communications with State, War and Navy. Means for establishing these machines were discussed. It was generally agreed that whereas the machines in the departments should be located as closely as possible to their classified message centers, those in CIG should most profitably be placed in the South Building of the Central Group now occupied by the OR&E. In order to implement this decision it was decided that a communications conference would be held in the near future.

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At this time it was also stated by [redacted] that in order to strengthen the ICAPS to the point where it could perform its assigned functions it was his opinion that each of the services should be represented therein by three representatives, and that a comparatively senior member of each service having the full confidence of his own department should maintain the closest possible liaison therewith to assure proper flow of dissemination to CIG.

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CAPTAIN, USN

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