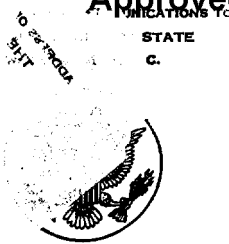


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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ARMY MEMBER, SECRETARIAT, STATE-DEFENSE  
MILITARY INFORMATION CONTROL COMMITTEE.**

**Subject: Release of CIA Document No. [REDACTED] 25X1A  
(Sanitized Version) to SHAPE.**

Reference is made to your memorandum of November 14, 1957, requesting Department of State comments on the proposed release to SHAPE of the document referred to above, entitled "Unity-of-Action Tactics of the Communist Party of Syria 1950-1957".

The Department of State does not favor the release of this document to SHAPE. Although the document sets forth many useful and interesting facts, it also makes use of information of doubtful reliability without adding the necessary qualifying comments. There is, the Department believes, some danger that the speculative deductions developed in this document might be accepted as an accurate history and thereby mislead persons not familiar with Syria, both regarding the complex inter-relationship of figures in the Syrian Army, Government, and Communist Party and regarding the quantity of accurate intelligence about those subjects available to the United States.

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State Member, State-Defense  
Military Information Control Committee

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