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MEMORANDUM

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To: [REDACTED] Chairman, IWG

FROM: Max Hall, Acting Chairman, Executive Committee of the
Economic Defense Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: First Annual Progress Report of the IWG

On behalf of the Executive Committee I should like to express appreciation for the initiative shown in preparing the first Annual Report of the Intelligence Working Group. The comments collected from the members of the EC indicate that your report was well received. The concise statements of the authority, organization, purpose, responsibilities, and accomplishments of the IWG will be useful for general briefing purposes and appear to follow the earlier statement of IWG procedures (EDAC D-48). The extensive lists of IWG cases and intelligence contributions reflect the high value of the IWG to the EDAC operation.

The Executive Committee was appreciative of the IWG Chairman's statement that the IWG was ready for fuller utilization by the EDAC structure. Particular notice was taken of the statement, on page 4 of the IWG Annual Report, referring to the new arrangements for procuring current intelligence.

Attention was directed in the report to two problems of concern to the Executive Committee members. I believe it would be of value to the Executive Committee if the IWG would submit for consideration by the Executive Committee a statement of these problems together with its recommendations for corrective action, viz.:

1. Inadequate priorities for the collection of economic defense information.
2. Undue delay in the transmission of economic defense information (a) from the field to Washington and (b) from the point of initial receipt in Washington to interested intelligence and action offices.

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