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a representative from ISS. To be efficient, it should not be larger than this. It is our strong impression that such a committee will not come into being unless it is created by the Senior Staff Steering Committee, whether acting as such or as individuals.

5. Assuming the creation of such a committee, the chairmanship would depend, presumably, on what department or agency is given execution responsibility under paragraph 5. State's relatively complacent view (reflected in NIE-75) and its lack of knowledge of the tools would make it a poor choice, in our judgment. Defense is anything but complacent, but the inadequacy of the JCS study gives one pause even if Mr. Boyes' office were better able to prod than it seems to be. In many ways CIA would be best suited to take the chair: both State (in its original draft of the paper) and Defense (in the JCS study) have placed heavy emphasis on our role in the given situation. Moreover, the psychological measures may be nearly as important as the "special political." However, so far as I know CIA has never been given execution responsibility unless the matter was wholly one for our type of action, and the negotiations with [REDACTED] 25X1X4 called for by the paragraph would be virtually impossible for us to take a leading role in, for many reasons. On balance, we believe that Defense would be the best choice, although we might conceivably indicate our willingness to take on the job.

6. In any event, the question of chairmanship, at least as between Defense and CIA, is probably less important than the creation of the ad hoc committee. If you agree that such a committee is essential, I suggest that you propose it informally to Mr. Bohlen and Mr. Boyes in advance of the Senior Staff meeting, and that if agreement is reached there be a joint demarche to or consultation with Mr. Lay.

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