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**MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE  
COUNTERMEASURES COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT : Study of Possible Measures to Deal with the  
Problem of Kidnapping in Foreign Countries**

1. In executive session at the 9 April USIB meeting, the Director of Central Intelligence informed the Board that the Secretary of State had inquired whether the intelligence community could provide any assistance in dealing with the problem of kidnappings overseas. Mr. Helms suggested that the Board consider undertaking a study of this problem to determine what might be done, assigning it to an appropriate body such as the Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Committee. The USIB concurred in this proposal.

2. Accordingly, the Chairman of USIB requested that the Chairman, TSCC, sponsor a study of possible measures to deal with the problem of kidnapping in foreign countries, including consideration of any gadgetry, ideas, protective means or other feasible actions. Mr. Helms stressed that, in view of the high level interest, this study should proceed posthaste, with a report to the Board at the earliest practicable date.

Signed

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