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12 August 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ELDER

SUBJECT: White House Request for Membership on TSCC

1. The enclosed letter to Mr. W. Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President (for security matters), for the DCI's signature, is in response to the attached letter from Mr. Watson and was prepared by the Chairman, Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Committee (TSCC).

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2. With the exception of the request for "membership", the letter is approximately as discussed by Mr. Sither with Membership was proposed by Mr. Sither because the survey team appointed pursuant to NSAM 315 so recommended. The proposal submitted by the TSCC is in accordance with NSCID principles and the TSCC Charter in DCID No. 1/12, and follows the precedent established in answering a similar request from the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) on 8 May 1963 (copy attached).

3. The Chairman, TSCC, as the result of a telephone conversation with Mr. Sither, states that the response to Mr. Watson satisfies White House needs.

Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosures

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Dear Mr. Watson:

I refer to your letter dated August 3 which concerns itself with representation of your staff on the Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Committee (TSCC) of the U.S. Intelligence Board. The TSCC welcomes the participation of members of your staff on the parent committee as well as on the two subcommittees. It is my recommendation, however, that such representation be as observers rather than members so as to avoid an extravagant waste of time and effort on their part.

As observers, your representatives could attend all meetings and be fully aware of all committee deliberations, actions, and recommendations. Though knowledgeable, they would not as observers be directly involved in the support of domestic or overseas action programs which are the responsibility of TSCC. The observers would be fully aware of the intelligence community's research and development programs, countermeasures equipments, techniques, training programs, etc., without becoming enmeshed in the time-consuming interagency coordination mechanisms concerned with such programs. As observers, they would also be knowledgeable of the opposition's capabilities, techniques, and equipment to the extent that such are known to the intelligence community.

The nomination of Mr. Charles A. Sither as your principal participant in the TSCC is particularly welcome in view of his extensive background and unusual qualifications in this field and the TSCC looks forward to his presence at its next meeting on September 17. We also welcome the continued participation of the U.S. Secret Service representative as alternate to Mr. Sither at TSCC meetings and principal attendant at all the meetings of both TSCC subcommittees.

Sincerely,

(signed) W. F. Raborn

W. F. Raborn

Chairman

Mr. W. Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House

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To 2: Please prepare a reply for the Director's signature.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 3, 1965

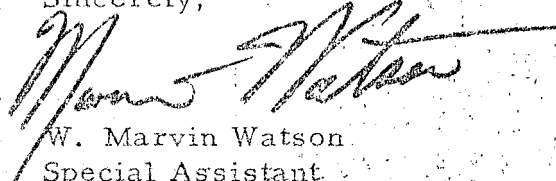
Dear Admiral Raborn:

A survey of technical and physical security protection for the Presidency was recently conducted in accordance with NSAM 315. The survey team consisted of a select group of security experts from various government agencies.

One of the recommendations of the survey group was that a person having broad professional experience in the security field should be given the primary responsibility to develop a coordinated and more effective security program for the White House complex. It was also recommended that this person be a permanent member of the Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Committee (TSCC) of the U. S. Intelligence Board in order to keep abreast of developments in the audio countermeasures field and to obtain advice and assistance as needed.

In view of the above and the importance of all phases of White House security, it is requested that Charles A. Sither, the member of my staff who has the above responsibilities, be designated a member of the TSCC. It is requested that the U. S. Secret Service observer at the TSCC meetings be designated the alternate White House representative to the parent TSCC. The Secret Service representative will also continue to attend the meetings of the two TSCC subcommittees.

Sincerely,



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to the President

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