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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: E. H. Knoche
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Intelligence Community
SUBJECT: Annotations to Executive Order 11905

1. Among the comments on more than 50 paragraphs of Executive Order 11905 in the "Executive Order Annotations," dated 10 March 1976, which Jack Marsh has provided, are three comments which apply to the Committee on Foreign Intelligence. Quoted below are the pertinent materials from the Executive Order and the applicable annotations:

Section 2(d):

"(d) National Foreign Intelligence Program means the programs of the Central Intelligence Agency and the special offices within the Department of Defense for the collection of specialized intelligence through reconnaissance programs, the Consolidated Cryptologic Program, and those elements of the General Defense Intelligence Program and other programs of the departments and agencies, not including tactical intelligence, designated by the Committee on Foreign Intelligence as part of the Program."

Annotation

"This subsection allows the CFI to determine whether a certain program (other than those relating solely to tactical intelligence) should be considered a part of the National Foreign Intelligence Program. This flexibility is necessary since current budget classifications may be changed over the years."

(ICS Comment: The CFI has a free hand to define those programs under its purview.)

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Section 3 (b) (2) (ii):

The CFI shall: "(ii) Establish policy priorities for the collection and production of national intelligence."

Annotation

"In establishing these policy priorities, the CFI will generally be implementing the findings of the NSC in its semi-annual review of intelligence policies and the CFI's resource decisions.

"These policy priorities should not interfere with the DCI's responsibility for the substantive production of national intelligence, as detailed in Section 3 (d) (iv).

"The CFI is given no responsibilities for substantive intelligence; those responsibilities are the DCI's alone.

"A simple example may help demonstrate the distinction between the CFI's policy priority responsibilities and the DCI's substantive intelligence responsibilities: The CFI might issue a policy that more intelligence resources (both in collection and production) shall be allocated to obtaining information on the oil policies of Middle Eastern nations. The DCI alone, however, would be responsible for the actual intelligence estimates of those Middle Eastern policies."

(ICS Comment: This annotation clearly endows the DCI with the "third hat," i. e., Director of CIA, Chairman of CFI, and DCI as producer.)

Section 4 (d) (2):

"(2) To assist the Director of Central Intelligence in the supervision and direction of the Intelligence Community, the position of Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence for the Intelligence Community is hereby established (Committee on Foreign Intelligence)."

Annotation

"The reference to Committee on Foreign Intelligence in this paragraph was meant as a cross reference to Section 3 (b) (3) [which states the CFI shall be supported by the

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Intelligence Community Staff headed by the D/DCI/IC] and was not intended to imply that all activities of the Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence for the Intelligence Community will be related to the Committee on Foreign Intelligence."

(ICS Comment: Recognition that the ICS has a role other than support for the CFI further strengthens the concept that the DCI role is far wider than running CIA and chairing the CFI.)

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