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OFFICE OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

VIA : Assistant Director for Intelligence Coordination  
SUBJECT : Post-Mortem on NIE-21/1: "Austrian Security Capabilities Following Withdrawal of Occupation Forces"

1. Following the publication of this estimate on 11 December 1952, the IAC agencies have reviewed the intelligence pertinent to the Austrian capabilities for maintaining internal security.

2. The IAC agencies are agreed that no serious intelligence gaps were encountered in the estimate. It would be desirable to have firmer evidence on Communist (Wehrschutz) para-military capabilities and on probable Austrian Government intentions with respect to expansion of the Special Gendarmerie and the control of Soviet-owned properties following four-power withdrawal. The IAC agencies anticipate that data on these points will become available through State Department channels, and perhaps also through service channels. Hence, they do not believe that IAC sponsorship of a special collection effort is required.

3. The IAC agencies have agreed to note the intelligence gaps indicated in paragraph 2 above and to bring these to the attention of research and collection activities under their respective control.

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