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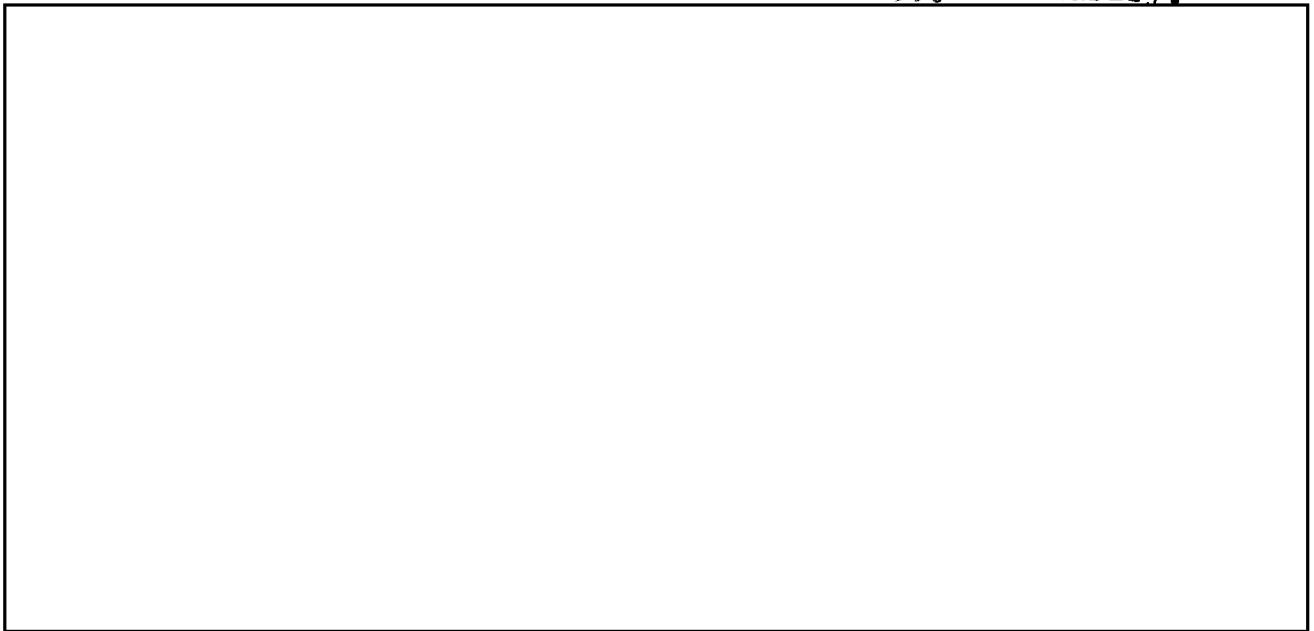
July 17, 1964

Dear John:

I appreciate very much receiving your letters of June 15 and July 9, 1964 concerning the Board's requests for your submission of annual reports on the coordination of the U. S. foreign intelligence effort, and on the intelligence activities and covert operations of the Central Intelligence Agency. It is particularly gratifying to have your judgment that the information sought by the Board in these reports will prove helpful to the President and to the Board.

Your letters touched on some questions pertaining to the annual reporting procedure which I am happy to clarify.

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You also suggest that your annual report concerning coordination of the U. S. foreign intelligence effort be submitted on December 15 instead of October 1 for the reason indicated, and the Board of course desires to adjust to your needs as to the timing of your report. I wish to point out, however, that the annual reporting procedure does not contemplate, as suggested in your July 9 letter, the

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intervening step of your equating the State-Defense-CIA reports. Further, the information specified by the Board for inclusion in the annual reports was not intended as a substitute for surveys conducted by the Director of Central Intelligence for purposes of lending coordination and guidance to the over-all foreign intelligence effort.

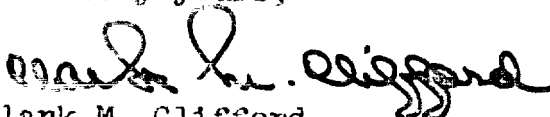
The outline and scope of the annual reports requested by the Board are designed primarily to elicit, directly from officials and agencies concerned, the kind of information required by the Board to carry out its assigned responsibility for making independent assessments and recommendations to the President concerning the objectives and conduct of U. S. foreign intelligence and related activities. Experience has demonstrated the advisability of utilizing the annual reports as direct channels of information to the Board from the responsible agencies, in order that the Board may be in a position to arrive at objective appraisals of subject matters reviewed on behalf of the President.

Accordingly, if you find it possible to forward your annual report on coordination of the intelligence effort on October 1, this will provide the Board a useful opportunity to review it in conjunction with the reports submitted by State, Defense and CIA at that time.

The Board appreciates the high degree of sensitivity attaching to the several reports which will be forthcoming from you and from the Secretaries of State and Defense. In keeping with the President's Executive Order these reports, like all other classified data received by the Board, will be afforded requisite security protection. The annual reports will not be circulated outside the Board.

I am available at any time, as is Mr. Coyne, to discuss these reporting matters or any other intelligence-related subjects concerning which we may be helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Clark M. Clifford  
Chairman

Mr. John A. McCone  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D. C.

9 July 1964

Dear Clark:

Of the matters which I had intended to discuss with you at lunch today, there are two of immediate importance. Therefore, I am taking the liberty of writing you concerning them.

You are requesting a very comprehensive report on the Central Intelligence Agency's activities to be submitted by October 1st. In this report you ask, among other things, for information concerning cover arrangements.

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The second point is your request for a report on coordination of U.S. foreign intelligence effort. I am prepared to make such a report on October 1st. However, I believe this report would be more comprehensive and therefore more meaningful if it were made at a later date -- say December 15th -- after I have had an opportunity to review and equate the CIA report with those of State and Defense. There may be some objection to this suggestion and quite naturally I will be guided by your wishes. However, I do think that my report on coordination would be more useful if handled as proposed.

Yours very truly,

Approved in draft form.

John A. McCone  
Director

The Honorable Clark Clifford  
Chairman, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board  
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Gen. Clark M. Clifford, Chairman  
President's Foreign Intelligence  
Advisory Board  
Executive Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clark:

This letter will acknowledge your communications of June 8th asking for annual reports on the "intelligence and related activities of the Central Intelligence Agency" and on the "coordination of the U. S. foreign intelligence effort." I am gratified that the Board has requested these reports as I believe through them the Board can gain a more thorough understanding of these areas of activities within the intelligence community than is now possessed by the Board. Also I hasten to add that it is my opinion that the Board's penetrating studies of the intelligence community activities have placed it in a position of being very well informed.

I believe the reports, which undoubtedly you would make available to the President and his immediate staff together with your Board's comments, will be informative and helpful to him. Both CIA and the intelligence community will benefit by the penetrating re-examination and re-audit of our internal affairs which will be required to adequately respond to your request.

In the interest of preparing reports most useful to you and the Board from the standpoint of both format and content, I suggest that you and I meet at an early date so that you can communicate your views in this respect to me. Also, I believe it would be most useful if you suggest to Mr. Coyne that he meet with us from time to time throughout the summer in the interest of developing reports most useful for your purpose.

Sincerely,

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15 July 1964

*Mr. J. Edgar Hoover*

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs**

This will acknowledge yours of July 10th transmitting NSAM-311. I am designating Mr. Ray Cline to represent me on the group established to undertake the studies ordered by your memorandum.

In addition, I expect to inform the United States Intelligence Board of this NSAM at our meeting on Wednesday, July 15th, and will arrange appropriate USIB support for the study group.

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**JOHN A. McCONE**  
Director

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