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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, National Security Council

SUBJECT

Fifth Report to the President by the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities, dated 1) December 1959. (Recommendation Regarding "Strategic Warning Mechanism")

- . Your memorandum of 26 January requested my views and comments on a specific recommendation contained in the subject report.
- 2. The first two parts of that recommendation directed the Director of Central Intelligence to have the Intelligence Community complete the aforementioned survey at the earliest possible date, and further directed that, based on the survey, it prepare expeditiously specific indicator lists to supersede the general indicator list which is now in use.
- 3. Work is now well along on the Warning Systems Survey, and a draft report is expected to be presented to the USIB on about 29 March. This report will include a proposed revision of the earlier General Indicator List. This draft revision is in effect a collection of specific functional indicator lists. It has been used largely as a basis for conducting an evaluation of collection capabilities. This evaluation of collection capabilities will show which indicators are realistic.
- 4. The concluding section of the Board's action recommended that the President "issue whatever directives are necessary to insure that the facilities of the Intelligence Community's Watch Committee and its National Indications Center are organized, supported and operated in such manner as to (a) maximize the Intelligence Community's efforts to effect timely receipt, processing and evaluation of available information pertaining to strategic early warning, and (b) to insure the timely transmission

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Board of Consultants on Fereign that the Intelligence Community early warning capabilities. We	this recommendation of the President's Intelligence Activities I would stress is constantly striving to impreve our are especially aware of the new and y warning field created by new weapons
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	GULEN W. DULLES Director
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, National Security Council

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1. Your memorandum of 26 January, subject same as above, requested my views and comments on a specific recommendation contained in the subject report.

2. With regard to the first two parts of that recommendation (that the President direct the Director of Central Intelligence to have the Intelligence Community complete the aforementioned survey at the earliest possible date; that, based on the survey, it prepare expeditiously specific indicator lists to supersede the general indicator list which is now in use a lam able to state to work is now well along on the Warning Systems Survey, and a draft report is expected to be presented to the USIB on about 29 March. This report will include a proposed revision of the earlier General Indicator List. Lam informed that this draft revision, in effect a collection of specific functional indicator lists, has been used largely as the basis for conducting the evaluation of collection capabilities.

The remainder of the subject recommendation is that the President "issue whatever directives are necessary to insure that the facilities of the Intelligence Community's Watch Committee and its National Indications Center are organized, supported and operated in such manner as to (a) maximize the Intelligence Community's efforts to effect timely receipt, processing and evaluation of available information pertaining to strategic early warning, and (b) to insure the timely transmission to higher authority of significant information bearing upon the early warning problem." I do not think that any special directives are necessary

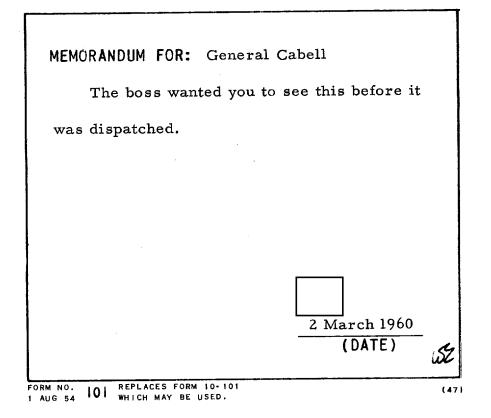
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