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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1A
Plans and Policy Staff

SUBJECT: Current G/GS Participation in Interdepartmental
Committees, etc.

1. The Chief, Global Survey Group, by personal designation rather than ex officio, functions as Alternate CIA Member of the National Security Council Staff. In actual practice the Alternate CIA Member is not an occasional substitute for or deputy of the principal CIA Member (Mr. Prescott Childs, Chief, ICAPS), but bears a constant and direct personal responsibility for the provision of the intelligence support required by the Staff and for substantive participation in Staff proceedings from the intelligence as distinguished from the policy point of view. I am aware of no formal document which established this position, defines its responsibilities, or designates the incumbent. The position, responsibilities, and designation indicated have been indirectly recognized, however, in various incidental actions by the Director and the NSC Secretariat.

2. The Chief, Global Survey Group, again by personal designation rather than ex officio, has been designated by the Director to represent CIA in assisting the National Security Resources Board in the development of "Basic Security Resources Assumptions." Documentation exists in this case as follows:

Letter from the Chairman, NSRB to the Director of Central
Intelligence, 29 October 1948

Letter from the Director to the Chairman, NSRB, 1 November
1948

Memorandum from the Director for Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1A, 1 November 1948

25X1A Letter from the Director, Planning Division, NSRB, to Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1A
[REDACTED] 16 November 1948

Although responsibility for this project rests solely with the NSRB, in accordance with NSC action on NSC 33, the NSRB intends to proceed with the assistance of an interdepartmental group of designated representatives (including the designated representative of CIA), this group acting collectively and individually, in an advisory capacity.

3. Although the foregoing designations are personal rather than ex officio, it is contemplated that Mr. [REDACTED] may deputize appropriate members of ORE as occasion may require.

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a. With respect to the NSC Staff, the other members of the Global Survey Group are regarded as eligible deputies. This has occurred in only one instance, however, when Mr. [REDACTED] acted during Mr. [REDACTED] absence on leave.

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b. With respect to the NSRB project, Mr. [REDACTED] G/EC, has been put into direct contact with the Chief, Planning Division, NSRB, and will act directly for CIA in relation to certain aspects of the matter.

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Chief, Global Survey Group

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