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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Par. 17, NSCID #1

1. Reference amendment to Paragraph 17, NSCID #1, for IAC discussion for which I am listed, I suggest that you may wish to introduce this subject. I should think that remarks somewhat along the following lines would be appropriate:

Further consideration of the change in Paragraph 17, NSCID #1, indicates the revised tentatively agreed wording does not actually fulfill the NSC action and is not likely to be wholly acceptable to the President in its present form. Since it will be necessary to go back to the President for final approval, it seems to us that it would be desirable to propose language that would more appropriately

- a. take cognizance of the relative position of the intelligence chiefs within their respective departments and yet avoid placing the Director of Central Intelligence in the position of issuing "directions" to other departments.
- b. Further, in view of the comment of the President's Board on this paragraph and the actual purpose to be accomplished by its eventual application, it would be desirable to include a statement charging each agency with responsibility for protecting intelligence sources and methods within its own department. The IAC members may recall that this was a point which Mr. Belmont of the FBI emphasized in his remarks to the NSC when this subject was under discussion.

2. It will also be desirable to point out to the President that this paragraph deals only with intelligence sources and methods for which the Director of Central Intelligence has statutory responsibility and not with the more usual disclosures of classified information.

3. I can of course make this presentation if you wish. In any case I will be glad to inform the IAC of General Hall's comment to me that tightening up control in all departments and agencies was more what the Board had in mind than authority to investigate disclosures.

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