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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Coordination of Intelligence Activities Related to Foreign Atomic Energy Developments and Potentialities

Reference: N.I.A. 6 ✓

The following brief of facts regarding the reference paper are submitted herewith for use in the N.I.A. meeting.

a. This paper has the concurrence of the permanent members of I.A.B. and General Groves, the Commanding General of the Manhattan Engineer District.

b. The proposed N.I.A. directive is divided into two parts:

(1) The assignment to you of the function of coordinating the collection by agencies subject to N.I.A. coordination of all intelligence information in this field, and the accomplishment of ^{the} correlation, evaluation and appropriate dissemination of the resulting intelligence. This is necessary to provide central coordination and final evaluation in this vital field for reasons of security. This is also necessary since previous arrangements in this field have been unsatisfactory because of the lack of such central coordinating and evaluating authority.

(2) The transfer to C.I.G. of the personnel and working files of the Foreign Intelligence Branch operated by General Groves. This branch consists of three or four officers, two or three scientists, and a few stenographers, all with special competence in this field.

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c. This directive does not conflict with the establishment of an Atomic Energy Commission for the following reasons:

(1) The proposed Commission will deal primarily with atomic energy developments in the United States, whereas C.I.G. will deal only with intelligence concerning foreign developments and potentialities.

(2) C.I.G. will coordinate only those agencies subject to N.I.A. coordination, and prepare the final evaluation based upon information collected by them. In this respect C.I.G. will supplement rather than conflict with the Commission. Presumably intelligence produced by C.I.G. will be disseminated, if appropriate, to the Commission for its use.

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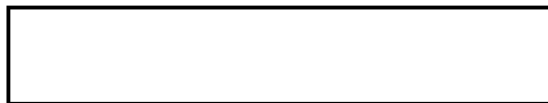
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(3) General Groves considers the Foreign Intelligence Branch a part of his personal staff rather than an integral unit of the Manhattan Engineer District. This branch is therefore not involved in the transfer to the Commission of the domestic responsibilities of the Manhattan Engineer District.



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Secretary, N.I.A.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CAPT. ROBERT L. DENNISON, U.S.N.

**Subject: Coordination of Intelligence Activities
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Enclosure: N.I.A. 6, Copy No. 29

The enclosed paper is the item which the Acting Secretary of State wishes to discuss at an N.I.A. meeting at 1100 today in the Secretary of State's office.

The Secretary of the Navy has already informally approved the enclosed paper but returned his copy of the paper to this office with his approval memorandum. The enclosure is therefore transmitted for your use in preparing for the meeting.

The Secretary of War has also approved this paper and Admiral Leahy has indicated that he approves subject to minor editorial revisions.

"SIGNED"

[Redacted Signature]

Secretary, N.I.A.

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL CHAMBERLAIN

Subject: Coordination of Intelligence Activities Related to Foreign Atomic Energy Developments and Potentialities

Enclosure: Draft N.I.A. Paper on Above Subject

The enclosed paper has been concurred in by Colonel Eddy of the Department of State. Admiral Inglis, however, has concurred providing the paper is revised to make the transfer of the Foreign Intelligence Branch to the Central Intelligence Group effective immediately upon issuance of the proposed N.I.A. Directive.

This revision might be accomplished by changing the wording of paragraph 2 of the proposed N.I.A. Directive to read as follows:

"2. To accomplish the function assigned in paragraph 1, the Secretary of War and the Commanding General of the Manhattan Engineer District have authorized the transfer to the Central Intelligence Group of the personnel and working files of the Foreign Intelligence Branch operated by the Commanding General of the Manhattan Engineer District, effective at the earliest practicable date."

It would be appreciated if you would find out whether the revised paragraph suggested above would be acceptable to the Secretary of War.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF INTELLIGENCE
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DEVELOPMENTS AND POTENTIALITIES

Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence
With the Unanimous Concurrence of the Intelligence
Advisory Board

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Foreign atomic energy developments and potentialities constitute a paramount field of intelligence related to the national security. As such, the National Intelligence Authority is responsible for planning, developing, and coordinating Federal foreign intelligence activities in this field.

To date, the Foreign Intelligence Branch of the office of Major General Leslie R. Groves, the Commanding General of the Manhattan Engineer District, has been the agency performing functions of collecting and evaluating intelligence related to foreign atomic energy developments and potentialities. This Branch has operated under the personal direction of General Groves, who is in turn responsible, by Presidential directive, to the Secretary of War.

The newly created Atomic Energy Commission will be concerned with the entire field of atomic energy in the United States, including commercial as well as military aspects. The Commission will, upon Presidential directive, take over the responsibilities of the Manhattan Engineer District. It is considered appropriate at this time that the National Intelligence Authority should centralize under the Director of Central Intelligence the control and supervision of all Federal intelligence activities related to foreign atomic energy developments and potentialities affecting the national security. This ~~control and supervision~~ *control & supervision of* should include the activities of the Foreign Intelligence

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Branch operated by General Groves. It should also be possible, when deemed expedient by the Secretary of War and the Director of Central Intelligence, to transfer the personnel and working files of this Branch to the Central Intelligence Group.

The enclosed draft N.I.A. Directive is designed to carry out the conclusions contained in the above paragraph. This Directive has been unanimously concurred in by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board, which in this case included the Commanding General of the Manhattan Engineer District.

It is recommended that the National Intelligence Authority approve the draft directive in Enclosure "A".

HOYT S. VANDENBERG
Lieutenant General, USA
Director of Central Intelligence

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ENCLOSURE "A"

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PROPOSED N.I.A. DIRECTIVE

CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF INTELLIGENCE
ACTIVITIES RELATED TO FOREIGN ATOMIC ENERGY
DEVELOPMENTS AND POTENTIALITIES

Pursuant to the President's letter of 22 January 1946, designating this Authority as responsible for planning, developing, and coordinating all Federal foreign intelligence activities so as to assure the most effective accomplishment of the intelligence mission related to the national security, the following policies and procedures relating to Federal intelligence activities in the field of foreign atomic energy developments and potentialities affecting the national security are announced:

1. The Director of Central Intelligence, subject to the direction and control of this Authority, is hereby authorized and directed to ^{coordinate} ~~control and supervise~~ ^{the collection of} all Federal intelligence ^{information} activities related to foreign atomic energy developments and potentialities affecting the national security, ^{and to accomplish the correlation, evaluation and appropriate dissemination within the Government of the results}

2. To accomplish the function assigned in paragraph 1, the Secretary of War and the Commanding General of the Manhattan Engineer District have authorized the Director of Central Intelligence to assume the control and supervision of the Foreign Intelligence Branch operated by the Commanding General of the Manhattan Engineer District. The personnel and working files of this Branch may be transferred from the Manhattan Engineer District to the Central Intelligence Group at any time agreed to by the Secretary of War and the Director of Central Intelligence.

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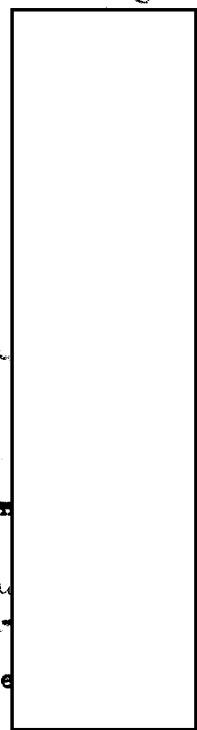
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