

16 August 1949

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Reorganization of the Central Intelligence Agency in accordance with NSC 50.

1. As you know, the National Security Council, in approving various recommendations made by the Dulles Committee, included, among other decisions, a directive to consolidate all "covert and semi-covert field intelligence and related operations" in a single branch to be called "The Operations Division." To carry out this directive, the attached organization plan with the attendant list of functions for its components has been evolved.

2. This proposed reorganization has received the full concurrence of all interested parties in the Central Intelligence Agency (including the Offices of Policy Coordination, Special Operations, and Operations), and it is hoped that you will be able to give it your clearance when it is brought before the National Security Council for approval.

3. In this proposed plan the functions of the various Offices are preserved, and their responsibilities are unchanged. However, to bring NSC 10/2 into consonance with the new directive contained in NSC 50, the former paper will necessarily have to be revised slightly, particularly, in that part relating to the autonomous character of the Office of Policy Coordination within the Central Intelligence Agency.

Signed

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Director of Central Intelligence

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Proposed Organization Chart, Copy No. _____

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