

DRAFT - 5 July 1949
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: NSC 50

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Who is dictating first
draft of memo for
DCI's use.

1. In reading over NSC 50, the State-Defense Report on the Dulles Report, as concurred in by Treasury and Justice, the item that strikes us as most significant is the proposed change in NSCID 1, making the Director of Central Intelligence himself a member of the IAC.
2. As we recall it, this was not in the Dulles Report.
3. We note that they think the IAC is soundly conceived as an advisory committee to the DCI. Why then should he himself be a member of his own advisory committee? If this entailed a voting procedure, it would mean that he could be out-voted by the other members of the IAC. The saving grace in the whole setup is that the purpose of even the new IAC is "to advise" the DCI. If we could put in the new NSCID 1 "only to advise" the DCI, that might strengthen his position towards the "forthright leadership, etc." mentioned in the Report, and would eliminate any implications that the DCI also be one of the members of this advisory committee, and so on an equal footing with them.
4. So far as ICAPS is concerned, we still think it absurd that an operating, housekeeping office such as OCD should be a part of our Coordinating and Planning Staff.
5. We see no reason for "reconstituting" ICAPS as a staff of the Director's, because we think we already are responsible only to him.
6. Similarly, we think that dissents are already published with CIA's reports, so see no particular reason for changing the wording at the end of the Annex A about the new NSCID 1, but if they wish to change the wording, we have no objection.