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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SMITH

Mr. Houston, Acting DD/A, states that the attached draft memorandum is in line with your instructions to Mr. Wolf at the Deputies' meeting last Friday.

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON**

January 27, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

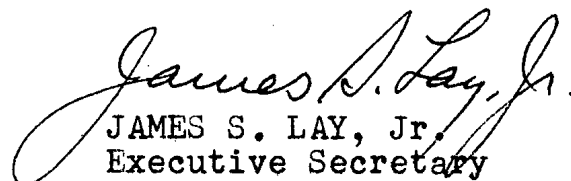
SUBJECT: The President's Committee on International
Information Activities

The enclosed copy of a letter from the President dated January 24, 1953, establishing the President's Committee on International Information Activities, is transmitted herewith for information and appropriate action pursuant thereto.

It is understood that the employment and compensation of members of the Committee representing specific departments or agencies will be the responsibility of the respective departments or agencies. It is also understood that the enclosed letter authorizes all departments and agencies to detail personnel and furnish materials and supplies necessary and proper to the work of the Committee, subject to applicable laws and regulations.

The Central Intelligence Agency has advised that it has available funds which, if so directed by the National Security Council, could be used to defray the expenses of the Committee not otherwise provided for.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the National Security Council direct the Central Intelligence Agency to pay for necessary and proper expenses of the Committee and for the employment of personnel for performance of the Committee's functions, not otherwise provided for, under the authority of the National Security Act of 1947 as amended, not to exceed a total of \$40,000.


JAMES S. LAY, Jr.
Executive Secretary

cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

C O P Y

January 24, 1953

Dear Mr. Lay:

I have today established a Committee, to be known as the President's Committee on International Information Activities.

I have authorized and directed it to make a survey and evaluation of the international information policies and activities of the Executive Branch of the Government and of policies and activities related thereto with particular reference to the international relations and the national security of this country. It shall make recommendations to me for such legislative, administrative, or other action, respecting the said policies and activities as in its opinion may be desirable.

It has long been my conviction that a unified and dynamic effort in this field is essential to the security of the United States and of the other peoples in the community of free nations.

The Committee's final report and recommendations are to be in my hands not later than June 30, 1953, and the Committee will cease to operate thirty days after submitting its final report.

All executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government are authorized and directed, as a matter of common concern, to cooperate with the Committee in its work and to furnish the Committee with such assistance not inconsistent with law as it may require in the performance of its functions. The establishment of this Committee and the scope of its inquiry were discussed at the Cabinet meeting Friday morning and received full and complete support.

I am today appointing the following as members of the Committee:

William H. Jackson, Chairman
Robert Cutler, Administrative Assistant to the
President
C. D. Jackson, representing the Secretary of State
Sigurd Larmon, representing the Director for Mutual
Security
Gordon Gray
Barklie McKee Henry
John C. Hughes

Abbott Washburn has been designated as Executive Secretary of the Committee.

The appointments of C. D. Jackson and Sigurd Larmon were respectively made after consultation with, and at the designation of, Mr. John Foster Dulles and Mr. Harold E. Stassen. A designee to represent the Secretary of Defense will be named to the Committee before the end of the month.

The Committee will have its offices at 901 Sixteenth Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dwight D. Eisenhower

Honorable James S. Lay, Jr.
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
Washington 25, D. C.