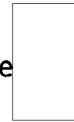


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25X1 MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Robert M. Gates
SUBJECT : Counterintelligence



1/10 Concern

1. When we discussed progress being made on improving counterintelligence several weeks ago as a high priority, there was agreement on the value of appointing a committee of outsiders and annuitants familiar with the problem who could review our programs in their broadest aspects, serve as a source of creativity and ideas, and also evaluate what already is being done. I believe there also was general agreement that John Bross should chair this committee. Other names that have been mentioned include Bill Creeger (former Assistant Director of the FBI), Earl Richey, ~~and~~ Jack Donnally (~~formerly~~ of the Department of Defense).

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2. I recommend that you move ahead with this committee at this time. The DDO's detailed plan for improving counterintelligence (as well as other programs) is due to you this Friday. I believe it would make sense to have at least some of those who will be on this committee review that plan for its adequacy before you sign off. Accordingly, I suggest that you get in touch with Bross as quickly as possible, explain what this is all about, and ask him to serve as chairman. You could mention the names above as well as other suggestions you may have. The important thing it seems to me is for them to get started early enough to review DDO's plan.



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