

14 January 1949

Dear Mr. Webb:

The Department has received your letter of December 1, 1948, in which comment is requested by the Bureau of the Budget on the "Proposed Central Intelligence Act of 1949," submitted by the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Department perceives no objection to this proposed legislation. You will note that one clause, 6(g), has been revised in consultation with CIA, according to the attached.

The Department believes that despite the extraordinary grant of powers involved, such legislation is entirely proper and necessary for the efficient operation of an intelligence service.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State

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Counselor

Enclosure:

Revised draft of  
Section 6(g).

The Honorable,

James E. Webb, Director,

The Bureau of the Budget.