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Subjects

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- Enclosures: (A) Copy of Joint Letter on Subject to Director of Central Intelligence from Director of Intelligence. WDCS, and Chief of Maval Intelligence.
 - (B) Copy of Manorandum from Director of Intelligence WDGS, to Director of Central Intelligence

1. In pursuance of the preparal contained in the joint letter of the Director Intelligence, WDGS, and the Chief of Naval Intelligence that the Washington Desmant Center be transferred to the eperational control of the Control Intelligence Group (encl. (A)), a complete study has been made of this facility. The Central Intelligence Group accepts in principle the proposal, but is unable fermally to undertake operational control until assurances have been received that the personnel required to continue its eperation can be transferred be the Central Intelligence Group from both the War and Navy Departments.

2. The following preliminary action has been takens

a. The Contral Intelligence Group has made persency budgetary arrangements to retain the civilian personnel which otherwise would have been discharged during the month of October.

b. A minimum Table of Organization has been prepared, which is based on only the essential personnel necessary to carry on this work. This table discloses that 12 of the 29 efficers and 20 of the 22 enlisted personnel now authorized the Washington Desument Center by the War Department must be retained until 1 July 1947 to permit the uninterrupted operation of the Center. This is based on the plan that some 60 positions now held by military personnel will be filled by civiliance CIG can make the necessary arrangements for the oivilian personal.

o. The Director of Extelligence of the WDGS has informed this office that he can retain all military personnel at the Mashington Document Center until 1 January 1947 and that thereafter he can retain all the officer personnel until February 1947 and five key officers indefinitely after 1 February.

5. From the above, it appears necessary that the War Department eithers

a. Authorise the Director of Intelligence, WDOS, to re 12 officers and 20 enlisted men on its rolls and available to the CIG until 1 July 1947.



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Secretary of War Washington Document Center

b. or, Increase until 1 July 1947 the military personnel allotment of CIG by 12 officers and 20 enlisted men from those now on duty at the Washington Document Center.

4. Your concurrence in the procedure outlined in either 3a or 3b is requested in order that reply may be made to General Chamberlin and Admirel Inglis that CIG will take over the WDC, and in order that the necessary administrative arrangements may be completed.

5. As initar letter is being sent to the Secretary of the Nevy with regard to the naval personnel on duty at the Washington Document Center and upon reply thereto, you will be informed of his decision prior to the actual transfer of any personnel.

6. If you consur in this proposal, every effort will be continued during the period to reduce military and navel permonnel of the Washington Document Center and to use the maximum number of civilian personnel by 1 July 1947.

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