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The Director,

Chief, Legislative Liaison Division.

Cost of the National Security Act of 1947.

1. During the testimony this morning by General Horsted before the Senate Armed Services Committee, he was requested to furnish an over-all blueprint of the Office of the Secretary of National Defense, as well as a chart of the proposed organization of the Air Force should the National Security Act be passed. The Department of Defense and the Army and the Navy were asked to prepare estimates of the cost of the over-all bill. This would also include comparative costs, showing the possible increases.

3. In view of the fact that the over-all cost of the bill would include a figure for the C.I.G., it is suggested that you contact General Horsted, so that he does not attempt to submit a figure for the C.I.G., and so that he will indicate to the Committee the problems arising from an on-the-record disclosure of our cost and size.

2. General Horsted stated that the present estimate was submitted mostly as he was not sure that he understood what figures had been furnished in connection with the Department of the Army, the Marine Corps and the Bureau of the Budget.

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In answer to the same question, General Horsted would state his statement was simply as he had written it, and that he had not seen the War Department and had a hard time of it with my suggestion. He stated, however, that he understood that an information officer had been assigned to the White House.

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CC: Executive Office Registry, you might explore informally the Central Records - 2. Information must be obtained by separate means. Return to Pforzheimer. Stayback.

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