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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, ICAPS

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Subject: Jigsaw Project

1. Not only is it "too big" but it is by no means necessary nor desirable that there be "complete intelligence coverage of the international Communist movement in any" single "U.S. Government agency." For example, intelligence coverage "of international Communism" - U.S. Brand - is most adequately handled by the FBI and should remain there.
 2. Sufficient quantity of "written" words have already been placed in directives about "delineation of responsibility," in the collection, production, and dissemination fields. I like the idea of frequent oral discussions to evaluate the problems and agree on work assignments.
 3. Though the Russian Revolution took place just 31 years ago, the concept of a concentration of power in a completely socialized state was formalized in 1848 by Marx and Engels in the Communist Manifesto. The Department of State has been working on this problem for many more than 30 years. Of course, the whole subject is primarily of an international political category.
 4. Before calling a meeting of the IAC Standing Committee, I do believe it is desirable to discuss this with State - probably with the Director of OIR and the State member of the Jigsaw Ad Hoc Committee.
 5. As of the present, there appears no potent justification to establish within ORE a new and separate outfit to be known as the International Communism Group. The prime endeavor of all segments of all Geographic Branches within ORE should be to watch and evaluate the trends of Communism.
 6. Yes, I do believe OSO should be represented on an International Communism Committee.
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7. From my meeting today with Colonel Booth of the Department of State, I know that, following his talks on this subject with OIR officials and with Mr. Armstrong, the Department is firm in its viewpoint (as he expressed it) that:
 - a. there is no need of establishing any new organizational unit within CIA to produce what the Jigsaw Ad Hoc Committee concluded was necessary in this field, and

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b. the work now being done by the Communism Unit in OIR should be fully utilized.

8. Furthermore, Booth stated that this was the view of the State Department member of the Jigsaw Ad Hoc Committee, and that the only IAC action appropriate - but not necessary - would be to give the Committee proper inter-agency stature and status.



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