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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

THE FUNCTION OF MONITORING OF PRESS AND  
PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS OF FOREIGN POWERS

Report by the Director of Central Intelligence, with the Unanimous  
Concurrence of the Intelligence Advisory Board

1. During the war, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) conducted a foreign broadcast intelligence service (FBIS), which monitored press and propaganda broadcasts of foreign powers. The FCC was in process of liquidating this agency when its functions was taken over by the War Department on an interim basis on 30 December 1945. The War Department requested that the Director of Central Intelligence assume responsibility for the proper disposition of the former FBIS function. An ad hoc committee was appointed by C.I.G. action to make this study. Their report has been submitted to the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board.

2. Based on the recommendations contained in the report of this Interdepartmental Committee, the enclosed draft directive was prepared as a means of implementing those recommendations:

3. The enclosed directive has been unanimously agreed on by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board, which included the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a member for consideration of this matter.

4. It is therefore recommended that the National Intelligence Authority approve the draft directive in enclosure 1.

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2. Based on the recommendations contained in the report of this Interdepartmental Committee and on a thorough review of the problem, it is considered that the operation of this function falls under the provisions of sub-paragraph 3c of the President's Directive of 22 January 1946: "Subject to the existing law, and to the direction and control of the National Intelligence Authority, the Director of Central Intelligence shall \* \* \* \* c. perform, for the benefit of said Intelligence Agencies, such service of common concern as the National Intelligence Authority determines can be more efficiently accomplished centrally." The enclosed draft directive was prepared as a means of providing for this central direction under the C.I.O.

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