

INTELLIGENCE CHAPTER
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RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

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Washington 7, D.C.
13 February 1947


Dear Sir:

The February meeting of the DC Intelligence Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association will be held on Tuesday evening, 13 February 1947, at 8 PM at the Officers Club, 1100 New Hampshire Avenue (one block south of Dupont Circle). The speaker of the evening will be Lt. Colonel C. W. Shuler, USMC, who was P-2 of the Amphibious Forces, US Pacific Fleet, from August 1940 to October 1945. He is presently a member of the Intelligence Staff of the National War College. He will talk on amphibious intelligence.

In view of the intense interest expressed by the members of the Chapter at the January meeting in the subject of national intelligence, there will be a discussion from the floor concerning this subject at the February meeting. I have appointed a committee to lead this discussion. To facilitate and to provide a partial basis for the discussion, this committee has drafted the enclosed check list of points to be considered. It is hoped that whatever agreement is reached by the Chapter on this and other topics connected with national intelligence may be formulated into a Chapter resolution for transmission to the Executive Director of the ROA as a proposed draft for an ROA recommendation to the Armed Services Committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The final draft of the Chapter's Constitution was adopted unanimously at the meeting on 17 January 1947. The attention of all is called to the fact that no guest is allowed at Chapter meetings who does not have the basic qualification for membership in the Chapter as prescribed in Article VI of the Chapter Constitution, namely, honorable war-time intelligence experience, or a reserve commission in intelligence, or present employment in a government intelligence agency.

Sincerely yours,



PAUL A. IRELAND
Lt. Colonel, USMC
Chapter President

Enclosure: Check List.

Salaries & conditions of service shall be
prescribed by in ~~the~~^{an} Act
Coll. which ~~cannot~~^{can only} be collected by ~~any~~
special means & ...

within 10 days on the bill
can legal. define repps. of SWN?
Existing ags. so be doing bulk of go. to
who shall serve in a civilian cap-
acity - not to have bias.
Strike out 5 yr term
Adv. Bd as dir. sees fit

Check list of points to be included in a Discussion of a
Proposed Center for the Study of the Principles
to be included in the Establishment of a
Central Intelligence Agency

1. A central intelligence agency should be a portion of the Executive Office of the President.
2. The CIA should be established by act of Congress.
3. The CIA should be headed by a chief of agency appointed by the President, confirmed by the Senate, and report directly to the President.
4. The CIA should be financed from the President's confidential fund and none of its personnel should have special service funding. Salaries should be based on the same scale as those of private industry for similar types of work.
5. The function of the CIA should be the coordination of the collection, evaluation and dissemination of information (intelligence) by all federal agencies. It should determine the overall intelligence needs and insure the collection of the required information by the appropriate agencies.
6. The CIA should contain a small special intelligence unit under its own control which would be concerned with the collection of intelligence not procurable through other agencies.
7. The CIA should prepare such intelligence estimates as relate to the national security and which demand the exclusive competence of any particular department to prepare. To do this the CIA should maintain a small but highly qualified reserve staff to interpret the basic estimates prepared by the various departments.
8. The CIA should be a legal entity, making recommendations through the President to the appropriate agencies on matters of national internal security matters.
9. The CIA should have no direct political functions and no domestic counter-intelligence functions.

ENCLOSURE to letter dated 15 February 1947.