

9 December 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Subject: Transmitting New Proposed NSC Directives to the CIA

Enclosed are six Proposed National Security Council Intelligence Directives, to the Director of Central Intelligence, to replace former NIA Directives.

No. 3, "Coordination of Intelligence Production," is enclosed at this time. It was formerly submitted to the NIA so shortly before the new National Security Act came into effect that it was not issued as NIA Directive.

The interdepartmental committee which has been rewriting these proposed directives considers that the Proposed Director of Central Intelligence Directive 1/6, "Domestic Exploitation," of 30 October 1947 should be rewritten in the form of a National Security Council Intelligence Directive, but this cannot be done until further consideration is given to the matter by a working committee. As soon as possible this will be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council.

The Proposed Director of Central Intelligence Directive 1/5, "Foreign Document Exploitation"; 3/1, "Implementation of Coordination of Collection Plan"; and 4/1, "National Intelligence Objectives" of 30 October 1947 will be given consideration in the near future by an ad hoc committee of the IAC Agencies and submitted to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible, for his information.

It is believed that, by that time, all former NIA Directives and CIG Directives will have been replaced by the new National Security Council Intelligence Directives and the new Director of Central Intelligence Directives under the Security Act of 1947.

It is pointed out that it has been necessary in NSCID No. 2 and in NSCID No. 3 pertaining to the "Coordination of Collection Activities Abroad" and the "Coordination of Intelligence Production" to submit an alternative proposal for air intelligence, due to the fact that it has not yet been resolved which Department will have primary responsibility. It is understood, however, that this matter is before the respective Secretaries at this time.

There is no disagreement in the substance contained in paragraphs 8, 9, and 10 in Proposed NSCID No. 1 of 9 December 1947, but the State Department representative feels that this method of the National Security Council giving direct instructions to the Department concerned is a departure from the customary Government procedure. The State Department representative thinks that such instructions should be received by the Intelligence Chiefs of the Departments concerned from the Director of Central Intelligence rather than directly from the National Security Council, even though that Council is composed of the respective heads of the Departments. The Intelligence Chiefs did not feel competent to decide the point at issue or to advise the establishment of this precedent.

If the National Security Council desires to establish or to enumerate in detail the Intelligence Advisory Committee listed in paragraph 1 of Proposed NSCID No. 1, would it not be desirable to list the Director of Central Intelligence as the Chairman of that Advisory Committee to emphasize in that way or in some other way that it is an advisory committee to help the Director, not a Board of Directors or Board of Management. Some think that otherwise the ranking officer present would be Chairman.

As will be noted, the enclosed Proposals dated 9 December represent a considerable change and compromise from the original proposals dated 30 October 1947, which then were redrafted by the interdepartmental ad hoc committee into the proposals dated 24 November, which had to be changed as shown on the 1 December proposals which were also circulated.

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After consideration by the Intelligence Chiefs of the member Agencies,
the final proposals dated 9 December are enclosed. The non-concurrences
~~are also enclosed,~~ *will be forwarded.*

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