

**UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD  
SECURITY COMMITTEE**

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Office of the Inspector General

**SUBJECT** : Security Committee Authorities Related to  
Unauthorized Disclosures

1. Mr. Roethe asked: "In connection with its assessment of the damage resulting from the disclosures, could the USIB Security Committee have requested that surveillance of Anderson and Getler be undertaken by an appropriate organization such as the FBI if it determined that the leaks were sufficiently serious to warrant such action?"

2. The current establishing authority for the Security Committee of USIB, DCID 1/11, copy attached, was promulgated and became effective on 23 August 1974. In the statement of functions, the Committee is authorized on behalf of the Director of Central Intelligence to call upon departments and agencies to investigate any unauthorized disclosure or compromise of intelligence or of intelligence sources and methods occurring within their departments and agencies and to report the results of these investigations to the Director of Central Intelligence through the USIB. These reports are to include consideration of three things, (1) assessment of the disclosures impact on the US intelligence process and its implication for national security and foreign relations, (2) description of corrective measures taken or needed to prevent such disclosures in the future or to minimize the adverse effects of the case at hand and (3) recommend any appropriate additional actions.

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3. Accordingly, the answer to the question is yes. The Security Committee can now "recommend any appropriate additional action" to the DCI. This could include a recommendation through the USIB to the DCI that the DCI request the Justice Department to undertake a full investigation crossing departmental lines or a recommendation that the FBI be requested to conduct surveillance as appropriate. There has been no occasion since August 1974 for the Security Committee to make a report to the DCI on unauthorized disclosures.

4. The preceding version of DCID 1/11, copy attached, which was in effect from 23 April 1965 to 23 August 1974, was not as specific in its statement of functions related to the investigation of unauthorized disclosures. The 1965 version of DCID 1/11 provides for the Security Committee

"To consider the problems, including to the extent feasible the degree of harm to the national interest arising out of unauthorized disclosure of intelligence, intelligence information as well as intelligence sources and methods and to make reports and recommendations for corrective action as appropriate."

5. This requirement fails to specify the addressee of the recommendations or the limits on such recommendations. Accordingly, it is not possible to say that a recommendation for surveillance can be assumed as permitted or that it was prohibited. There is no indication to whom such a recommendation, if considered desirable by the Security Committee, would have been addressed. It would be presumed that any recommendation would have been forwarded to the DCI through the USIB.

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Attachments