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Rear Admiral Sidney W. Souers, USN
Director, Central Intelligence Group
4253 New War Department Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Souers:

I have your memorandum of 3 May 1946, in which you request that a policy be established whereby officers assigned by the War Department to the Central Intelligence Group would not be available for reassignment for two years, regardless of existing policies covering the general assignment of officers.

I concur that the work of the Central Intelligence Group is of such a nature as to preclude reassignment of its officers prior to completion of two years with the Central Intelligence Group. Accordingly, you may be assured that in the future, subject to exceptions which may become necessary from time to time, assignments will be made of officers who may be retained for two years; and that in the event of exceptions among these assignees, none will be transferred without our first obtaining your views in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

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