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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL SECURITY

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MEMORANDUM TO HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:

I thought that you would be interested in receiving a copy of a memorandum from the Attorney General to the Chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, dated March 5, 1964, which revised the ICIS Charter pursuant to the Attorney General's authority under National Security Action Memorandum 161 dated June 9, 1962.

A copy of the ICIS Charter, as revised, is also enclosed for your information.

John F. Doherty

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Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee
on Internal Security

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 5, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: John F. Doherty, Chairman
Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security

SUBJECT: Continuation of the Interdepartmental Committee
on Internal Security

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Attorney General by National Security Action Memorandum 161, dated June 9, 1962 from the President, and in view of the proposed rescission by the National Security Council of its document 5425/1, I hereby direct that the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security shall continue in operation with the present organizational structures and terms of reference.

The ICIS Charter is hereby amended as follows:

1. The first paragraph is amended to read: "Pursuant to the provisions of National Security Action Memorandum 161, dated June 9, 1962 from the President, the Attorney General hereby authorizes and directs that the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security (ICIS) effect the co-ordination of all phases of the internal security field except as pertains to the following functions which are assigned to the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference (IIC): the co-ordination of the investigation of all domestic espionage; counterespionage, sabotage, and subversion, and other related intelligence matters affecting internal security. The ICIS shall be guided by the terms of this charter."
2. Paragraph A(4) is deleted.
3. Paragraph B(8) is amended by striking out the words "National Security Council" and substituting therefor the words "Attorney General".
4. Paragraph C(3) is amended by striking out the words "and the representative of the National Security Council".
5. Paragraph C(4) is amended by striking out the words "National Security Council" and substituting therefor the words "Attorney General".

(SIGNED)
Attorney General

(4) The ICIS shall take the necessary steps to procure resolution of any conflicts of jurisdiction that may arise in the field of internal security for which the ICIS is responsible, and it shall determine by what agency or department necessary action will be handled.

(5) The ICIS shall study and make recommendations with reference to legislation, executive orders, and regulations needed to achieve the objectives of the ICIS.

(6) The ICIS shall promote appropriate exchange and coordination of information, as well as action, among the several agencies and departments of the government.

(7) The ICIS shall incorporate under it, or absorb the functions of, existing interdepartmental committees which may be operating in its field of responsibility.

(8) The ICIS shall establish guidance in all matters under its jurisdiction and shall perform such other functions in its field as may be necessary or as may be assigned to it by the Attorney General.

C. PROCEDURE

(1) The ICIS shall establish such ad hoc and working committees as may be necessary for the purpose of discharging its responsibilities.

(2) The ICIS shall initiate and co-ordinate necessary studies, projects, and surveys relating to its responsibilities. It shall request, receive, and correlate suggestions or actual studies, projects, and surveys from nonmember agencies in the field of responsibility assigned to the ICIS.

(3) The ICIS shall maintain co-ordination with the IIC through the Chairman of the ICIS. Whenever appropriate, the ICIS will hold joint meetings or establish joint subcommittees with the IIC.

(4) The ICIS shall submit to the Attorney General those problems which require consideration or action by the Attorney General and those problems which cannot be resolved and worked out through co-operative consideration and action.

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A. ORGANIZATION

(1) The ICIS shall be composed of representatives from the Departments of State, Treasury, Defense and Justice.

(2) The Chairman shall be designated by the President from the membership of the Committee after consultation with the Attorney General. An executive secretary shall also be selected by the ICIS, and he shall be responsible for maintaining the necessary records. An adequate secretariat staff composed of representatives of all member departments shall be provided.

(3) The ICIS, through its Chairman, shall invite nonmember agency representatives as ad hoc members of the ICIS when matters involving the responsibilities of such nonmembers are under consideration.

B. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

(1) The ICIS, in its field, or in collaboration with the IIC, shall take the necessary action to insure the establishment and maintenance of the highest practicable state of internal security, including the making of necessary plans and preparations for adequate internal security in the event of a war-related emergency.

(2) The ICIS shall make appropriate studies and take necessary action to insure that complete coverage is maintained by all appropriate departments and agencies in those matters under its jurisdiction.

(3) The ICIS shall take the necessary action to insure that there is no duplication of effort by governmental departments and agencies in those matters under its jurisdiction.

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