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MEMORANDUM TO: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT: Suggested Candidates for Director,
National Security Agency



1. The issuance of the Presidential Directive establishing the National Security Agency raises an immediate problem of selecting a Director for the Agency. The Secretary of Defense, with the advice of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has the responsibility for appointing the Director.

2. In order that you may have readily at hand some suggestions on this matter should the occasion arise, I have had prepared a listing of various senior officers of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

3. Attached is that list with brief biographical notes and a complete list of three and four star officers of the Armed Services.



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Assistant Director,
Current Intelligence

Attachments

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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List of General Officers on Active Duty

A R M Y

A I R F O R C E

GENERALS OF THE ARMY

BRADLEY, Omar N.

GENERALS

CLARK, Mark W.
HANDY, Thomas T.
COLLINS, Joseph L.
RIDGWAY, Matthew B.
SMITH, Walter B.
HULL, John E.
VAN FLEET, James A.
GRUENTHER, Alfred M.
HODGE, John R.

GENERALS

VANDANBERG, Hoyt S.
TWINING, Nathan F.
CANNON, John K.
CHIDLAW, Benjamin W.
LEMAY, Curtis E.
NORSTAD, Lauris
WEYLAND, Otto P.

LIEUTENANT GENERALS

CRITTENBERGER, Willis D.
*KEYES, Geoffrey
EDDY, Manton S.
BROOKS, Edward H.
LARKIN, Thomas B.
SWING, Joseph M.
ALMOND, Edward M.
BOLTE, Charles L.
HOGE, William M.
HICKEY, Doyle O.
TAYLOR, Maxwell D.
BRUCE, Andrew D.
PICK, Lewis A.
MC AULIFFE, Anthony C.
O'DANIEL, John W.
BOLLING, Alexander R.
DECKER, George H.
HARRISON, William K., Jr.
HAYS, George P.
KEAN, William B.
KENDALL, Paul W.

LIEUTENANT GENERALS

EDWARDS, Idwal H.
CRAIG, Howard A.
RAWLINGS, Edwin W.
HARMON, Hubert R.
KEPNER, William E.
PARTRIDGE, Earle E.
HARPER, Robert W.
KUTER, Laurence S.
WHITE, Thomas D.
COOK, Orval R.
STONE, Charles B. III
BARCUS, Glenn O.
MYERS, Charles T.
CRAIGIE, Laurence C.
CABELL, Charles P.
JOHNSON, Leon W.
SMITH, Joseph
SCHLATTER, David M.
BOATNER, Bryant L.

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List of Navy Flag Officers on Active Duty

ADMIRALS

FECHTELER, William M.
RADFORD, Arthur W.
CARNEY, Robert B.
MC CORMICK, Lynde D.
DUNCAN, Donald B.

VICE ADMIRALS

HALL, John L., Jr.
CONOLLY, Richard L.
DELANY, Walter, S.
PRICE, John D.
LOW, Francis S.
STRUBLE, Arthur D.
STUMP, Felix, B.
JOY, Charles T.
BALLENTINE, John J.
CASSADY, John H.
WRIGHT, Jerauld
GARDNER, Matthias B.
MARTIN, Harold M.
DAVIS, Arthur C.
KILAND, Ingolf N.
BRISCOE, Robert P.
DUBOSE, Laurance T.
CALLAGHAN, William M.
FIFE, James Jr.
FAHRION, Frank G.
CLARK, Joseph J.
OFSTIE, Ralph A.

List of Marine Corps General Officers on Active Duty

GENERALS

SHEPHERD, Lemuel C., Jr.

LIEUTENANT GENERALS

CATES, Clifton B.
ERSKINE, Graves B.
HART, Franklin A.
THOMAS, Gerald C.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Deputy Director/ Intelligence
FROM : Assistant Director, Current Intelligence
SUBJECT : Selection of Director, National Security Agency

1. Three senior officers are proposed as outstanding men possessing the necessary qualifications for the task of Director, National Security Agency. They are Lt. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, USA; Lt. Gen. Charles P. Cabell, USAF; and Vice Adm. Francis S. Low, USN. Biographical information is attached as Tab A.

2. To be considered as additional possibilities are Lt. Gen. William E. Kepner, USAF; Lt. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, USA; Vice Adm. Jerauld Wright, USN; and Lt. Gen. Idwal H. Edwards, USAF. Biographical information is attached as Tab B.

3. Consideration might also be given to retired officers. For example, Vice Adm. Oscar C. Badger, USN (retired), Gen. Jacob Devers, USA (retired), and Lt. Gen. Willis D. Crittenger, USA (about to retire). Biographical information is attached as Tab C.



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ANTHONY C. McAULIFFE

Anthony C. McAuliffe was born on 2 July 1898 in Washington, D. C. He is the son of John Joseph and Alice Gannon McAuliffe. He was a student at West Virginia University from 1916 to 1917 and received his B.S. from the United States Military Academy. He was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Field Artillery and advanced through the grades to Major General on 7 January 1944. He graduated from the Field Artillery School in 1920, Command and General Staff School in 1937 and the Army War College in 1940.

In 1944 he was given command of the 103rd Infantry Division, 101st Airborne and other troops during the siege of Bastogne (Belgian). He led the division which made junction with the 5th Army in the Italian Alps on 3 May 1945. In 1949 he was sent to Japan as Commanding General of the 24th Infantry Division. Later he was Chief of the Chemical Corps and at the present time is AC of S, G-1, U. S. Army.

On 23 August 1920 he married Helen Willet Whitman and they have two children -- John Hilary and Patricia Ann. Gen. McAuliffe's home address is 3600 Porter St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

CHARLES PEARRE CABELL

Charles P. Cabell was born on 11 October 1903 in Dallas, Texas. In 1925 he graduated from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned as 2nd Lt., F.A., U.S. He advanced to rank of Major General, U.S.A.F. in 1947. In 1931 he attended the Air Corps Primary Flying School and the observation course of the Advanced Flying School. He attended the Command and General Staff School in 1940 and the Army Navy Staff College in 1943. He served successively as Assistant Chief of the Operations Section, Training and Operations Division; Chief, Photo Unit, and as Chief of the Technical Coordination Branch, Office of the Chief of the Air Corps, Washington, D. C. from 1941 to 1942. From 1942 to 1943 he was Assistant Executive for Technical Planning and Coordination and in March 1943 he became a member of the Advisory Council, Headquarters, Army Air Forces. In October of 1943 he was assigned to the 8th Air Force, European Theater of Operations, and in December he became commander of the combat wing. From April to July, 1944, he was Director of Plans, U.S. Strategic Air Forces, at the same time serving as Military Air Advisor to the US Representative on the European Advisory Commission in London. In July of 1944 he became Director of Operations and Intelligence of the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces. In this capacity he attended the Yalta Conference. From May to December of 1945 he served as Chief of the Strategy and Policy Division of Air Plans, Headquarters, A.A.F. and following this he attended the London Conference of the United Nations. He became the U.S. Air Representative on the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations in New York, and then Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, U.S.A.F., Washington, D. C., and is now Director, Joint Staff, Joint Chief of Staff.

He has received the following awards: Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Honorary Commander in the British Empire, Chevalier of French Legion of Honor, Croix de Guerre, and Member of Order of St. Laurice and Lazarus of Italy.

In 1934 he married Jacklyn DeHymel and they have three children -- Ben, Catherine and Charles. Gen. Cabell's home address is 2506 Fort Scott Drive, Arlington, Va., and his office address is Director of Intelligence, Hq., U.S.A.F., Washington, D. C.

FRANCIS STUART LOW

Francis S. Low was born in Albany, New York on 15 August 1894. He is the son of William Franklin and Anna Stuart Low. He was educated at Noble and Greenough's in Boston from 1905 to 1906 and graduated from Newton High School in Massachusetts in 1911. In 1915 he received his B.S. degree from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy. He advanced through grades to Rear Admiral in 1942 and Vice Admiral in 1947. He was appointed to conduct a special survey of the Navy's anti-submarine program, and following this he was nominated as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations. Admiral Low has been awarded numerous campaign medals and decorations.

On 10 January 1918 he married Andrena LeMassena, and they had one son, John Stuart. On 16 July 1949 he was married for the second time -- to Alice Regua Filmer. Admiral Low is a member of the Chevy Chase Club and the Army and Navy Club in Washington, D. C. His address is Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

WILLIAM E. KEPNER

William E. Kepner was born in Miami, Indiana on 6 January 1893, the son of George Harvey and Julia Ann Dawson Kepner. He studied at LaSalle University Law School. In 1921 he graduated from the Army Balloon School. He graduated from the Army Airship School in 1922, the Naval Rigid Airships Course in 1925, the Air Corps Tactical School in 1936, and Command and General Staff School in 1937. He received ratings as a heavier-than-air command pilot, a combat observer, a senior balloon pilot, a rigid airship pilot, a semi-rigid airship pilot, and a metal-clad airship pilot.

From 1909 to 1913 he served as a private in the U. S. Marine Corps, and from 1916 to 1917 with the Indiana National Guard and the 28th Infantry, Mexican Border. He was commissioned a 2nd Lt., Cav., U. S. Army, on 14 June 1917. He transferred to the Infantry as a 1st Lt. and advanced through the grades to Lt. General in 1950.

He served as a battalion commander, A.E.F., participating in six major engagements during World War I. He then transferred to the Air Service in 1920. In 1925 he became Assistant Commandant of the Army Airship School. From 1927 to 1929 he commanded semi-rigid airships RS-1. In 1928 he won the Litchfield trophy and the National Balloon Race as well as the King Albert trophy in the Gordon Bennett International Balloon Race. The following year he became a test pilot for the U. S. Navy metal-clad airship ZMC-2. In 1934 he piloted and commanded the National Geographic Society - Army Air stratosphere balloon flight. He participated in the first trans-continental blind flight for airplane as escort pursuit plane for Major Ira Eaker in 1936. He commanded the Defense Pursuit Air Force at the Fort Bragg maneuvers in 1938 and commanded the 1st Army Air Forces (1st Air Support Command) Carolina maneuvers in 1941. From August 1944 to May 1945 he commanded the 2nd Air Division 8th Air Force, and then he became Commander of the 8th Air Force, E.T.O., until August of 1945, at which time he became Commander of the 9th Air Force. In 1946 he served as Deputy Commander of aviation atomic bomb tests at Bikini until September of that year at which time he became Commanding General of the A.A.F. Technical Training Command, Scott Field, St. Louis, Mo. Following this assignment he served as Chief, Special Weapons Group Headquarters, U.S.A.F., 1947; Commander, Air Forces and Deputy Commander Atom Bomb Tests, Operation Sandstone, Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, summer, 1948, and Commander, Air Proving Ground, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, 1948-1950. He then became Lt. General, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Alaskan Command.

General Kepner has received the following awards: Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Marine Corps Good Conduct, Mexican Border, Army of Occupation and Emergency Defense Force service medals, E.T.O. ribbon with 6 stars, Legion of Honor, Croix de Guerre with palm, Companion of Bath, Order of Crown, Croix de Guerre (Belgium), Order of Polonia Restituta (Poland). He is a member of the National Aeronautics Association, Third Regular Army Division World War I, Army-Navy Legion of Valor. He is a 32 degree Mason and is a member of the Athens Athletic Club (California) and the Missouri Athletic Club.

He was married to Jean Howell Wilcox on 15 November 1920.

MAXWELL DAVENPORT TAYLOR

Maxwell D. Taylor was born on 26 August 1901 in Keytesville, Missouri. He is the son of John Earle and Pearle Davenport Taylor. In 1922 he received his B.S. from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Engineers Corps. He was a student at the Engineering School from 1922 to 1923, the Field Artillery School from 1932 to 1933, the Command and General Staff School from 1933 to 1935 and the Army War College from 1939 to 1940. In 1946 he received his Doctor of Engineering degree from New York University. He was promoted through the grades to rank of Major General in 1944. In 1926 he transferred from the Corps of Engineers to the Field Artillery. He was an instructor in French and Spanish at the Military Academy from 1927 to 1932. From 1935 to 1939 he studied Japanese in Tokyo and in 1939 he became assistant military attache in Peking, China. He served as artillery commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, overseas; division commander of the 101st Airborne Division, Western Front; Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, and Chief of Staff for American Forces in Europe. He then became commander of American Military Government and Army forces in Berlin.

He has received the following awards: Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, Unit Citation (U.S.); Distinguished Service Order, Order of the Bath (England); Legion of Honor, Croix de Guerre (France); Militaire Willems Order, Knight 4th Class (Netherlands).

He married Lydia Gardner Happer on 26 January 1925 and they have two children -- John Maxwell and Thomas Happer. His home address is care of Mary Happer, 2125 S St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

JERARD WRIGHT

Jerauld Wright was born in Amherst, Mass., on 4 June 1898. He is the son of Gen. William Mason and Marjorie Jerauld Wright. In 1917 he graduated from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy. He was promoted through grades to Rear Admiral on 5 May 1943. During that time he was assigned to the U. S. S. Castine, 1917-1918; the destroyers Dyer and Reid, 1918-1922; the U. S. S. Breese, 1922, and the U. S. S. John D. Ford, 1922-1924. From 1924 to 1926 he was assigned to the Presidential yacht, U. S. S. Mayflower and for the following two years he served as Naval Aide to President Calvin Coolidge. In 1926 he was assigned to the U. S. S. Maryland, and in 1929 he was attached to the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. until 1931. During this period he also served as Naval Aide to President Herbert Hoover. From 1931 to 1934 he was assigned to the U. S. S. Salt Lake City. The following year he was on the Executive Staff of the United States Naval Academy. From 1935 to 1936 he was aide to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and from 1936 to 1937 he was again attached to the Bureau of Ordnance. In 1937 he served as Commander of the destroyer U. S. S. Blue, and in 1939 he returned to the Executive Staff of the Naval Academy.

During the war years he served as Executive Officer of the U. S. S. Mississippi, 1941-1942. Following this he was assigned to the headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Fleet and the staff of the Commander of Naval Forces in Europe. He also served on the staff of the Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force and the staff of the English Admiral of the Fleet in 1943. In that year he also became Assistant Chief of Staff to the Commander of the Naval Forces in Northwest Africa. In 1944 he was Commander of the cruiser Santa Fe; from 1944-1945 he was Commander of Amphibious Group 5, and in 1945 Commander of Cruiser Division 6. From 1945 to 1948 he served as Head of Operational Readiness, Office of Chief of Naval Operations. In 1948 Admiral Wright became Commander of the amphibious force of the Atlantic Fleet. He was on duty with the Flagship U. S. S. Taconic, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., and held the permanent rank of Rear Admiral. At the present time he is in London in CINCNELM.

He has received the following awards: Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Gold Star Medal, Silver Star Medal, Letter of Commendation from Commander in Chief of Pacific, Bronze Star Medal.

On 23 July 1938 he married Phyllis B. Thomson and they have two children - Marion and William Mason. Admiral Wright's home is in Virginia Beach, Va., and his office address is Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C.

IDWAL H. EDWARDS

Idwal H. Edwards, born New York, 5 April 1895; graduated Air Corps Tactical School, 1931; Commanding Staff School, 1935; Army War College, 1938; rated command pilot, combat observer, air craft observer; commissioned 2nd Lt. Infantry, October, 1917; transferred to Air Force, 1920 as 1st Lt.; advanced in grade to Brig. Gen., 1942; Maj. Gen. 1943; Lt. Gen., October, 1947. On General Staff Corps, 1938-1940; Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 1942; Commanding General, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force in Europe; Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, October, 1947 to March, 1950; Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, since March, 1950. Now Director of Air University, Maxwell Field, Alabama.

OSCAR C. BADGER

Oscar C. Badger, born Washington, D. C., 26 June 1890; son of Charles J. Badger (Rear Admiral, U. S. N.); student, St. John's College, Maryland, 1905-1907; B. S., United States Naval Academy, 1911; graduated Naval War College, 1932; commissioned Ensign, U. S. Navy, 1911; advanced in grade to Rear Admiral (temporary) 27 May 1942; appointed Commander U. S. Eastern Sea Frontier and Atlantic Reserve Fleet.

Congressional Medal of Honor, Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Mexican Service Medal, Victory Medal, American Defense Medal, Legion of Merit with Star.

JACOB DEVERS

Jacob Devers, born York, Pennsylvania, 8 September 1887; B. S., United States Military Academy, 1909; commissioned 2nd Lt., F. A., U. S. Army, 1909; advanced in grade to Maj. Gen. 1940; Lt. Gen., September, 1942; General, March, 1945; Executive Officer, School of Field Artillery, World War I; instructor in military tactics, U. S. Military Academy for five years; detailed as field artillery officer in planning operations with mechanized troops, 1930-1931; expert on mechanization; in charge of mechanization of Panama Canal defense as Chief of Staff Panama Canal Department, 1939-1940; appointed Commandant Fort Bragg, 1940; Commander, Armed Forces, Fort Knox, Kentucky, 1941; appointed Commander, U.S. forces, European Theater of Operations, 1943; Commanding General, North African Theater of Operations and Deputy Supreme Allied Commander of the Mediterranean Theater, 1944; Commanding General, 6th Armored Corps, September, 1944; Commanding General, Army ground forces, 1945-1948; Chief, Army field forces, 1948-1949. Retired. Managing Director, AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, 1950. Technical Assistant to President, Fairchild Engine and Aircraft Corporation, Washington, D. C.

WILLIS D. CRITTENBERGER

Willis D. Crittenberger, born Anderson, Indiana, 2 December 1890; graduated U. S. Military Academy, 1913; Cavalry, 1914; Command and General Staff School, 1925; Army War College, 1930; commissioned 2nd Lt. U. S. Army, 1913; advanced in grade to Lt. Gen. (temporary), 3 June 1946; military intelligence officer, Manila, P.I., 1932-1934; assigned First Cavalry (Mechanized), 1934 and thereafter assisted with mechanization in army. On duty officer, Chief of Cavalry, Washington, 1938-1940; Chief of Staff, First Armored Division, Fort Knox, 1940-1941; Commanding General, Second Armored Division, February to June 1942; Commanding General, Second Armored Corps, 1942-1943; Commander III Armored Corps (later XIX Corps) 1943; Commanding General XIX Corps, England, January to March, 1944; Commanding General 4th Corps, Italian campaign, 1944-1945; received unconditional surrender, Ligurian army, April 1945; Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command and Panama Department, October 1945. Later on with U. N. Military Staff Committee.

Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Bronze Star; Mexican Border Campaign; World War I; World War II; European Theater of Operations; American Theater of Operations; Star of Abdon Calderon, First Class, Ecuador; Legion of Honor; Croix de Guerre, etc.