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3. I have grave doubts about your proposals under recommendation "paragraph 8" starting on page 5. It is my opinion that security regulations, security investigations, and the protection of classified information would be a command responsibility based on broad guidelines established by you as the Director of Central Intelligence. I would hesitate to endorse a special group of investigators operating directly under you with any of your hats on, since it would tend to fragment responsibility inherent in command, would relieve the other department heads of their command responsibilities for enforcement of security regulations, etc. I would prefer to see greater emphasis and greater community cooperation placed on our existing facilities of the USIB, augmented as may be necessary to give full-time and perhaps more technical attention to the problem.

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