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The Honorable Herbert Hoover, Jr.
Under Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Herb:

Attached is a draft of a proposed letter
on the scientific intelligence problems. I am not
sending it formally until I have had a chance to
discuss it with you.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Scientific Intelligence

1. Intelligence with respect to scientific achievements within the Communist Bloc countries is a highest priority target. In addition to the information to be obtained within the Bloc, contacts with non-Soviet Bloc scientists and coverage of international scientific conferences in the Free World are increasingly valuable for obtaining information on Soviet Bloc activities.

2. It is my firm belief that our national security requires the utmost effort and coordination of effort to build up this type of intelligence coverage and also to follow significant scientific developments in the Free World. In the overt field the Departments of State, Defense, the CIA and certain other agencies have a substantial potential. The coordination of this work and the capabilities of each should be strengthened.



4. Accordingly, we suggest that you give consideration to the appointment of a Science Adviser to the Secretary of State with such title and authority as you may determine, and that a small office be constituted in the Department of State under the Science Adviser. CIA



5. It is further recommended that the State Department designate, after consultation with CIA, Science Attaches to appropriate embassies abroad, in particular to London, Paris, New Delhi, Stockholm, Tokyo, and to posts within the Communist orbit, including in particular Moscow, as the situation may permit. [redacted] presents special problems and may require, at the moment, different handling.



7. Arrangements should be made through the office of the Science Adviser [redacted] to draw upon the resources of the National Academy of Science, the National Science Foundation, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the California Institute of Technology, and like institutions, and to enlist their support in obtaining appropriate designees for the posts of Science Attache and in supplementing the work outlined in this memorandum.

8. The existing foreign facilities of the Department of State, Defense and CIA in the overt scientific intelligence collection field should be closely coordinated with the above proposed structure for a foreign scientific collection mechanism. Foreign targets

and opportunities should be appropriately assigned as between the respective departments and agencies so as to cover the field as adequately as possible to ensure that friendly foreign scientists knowledgeable in Soviet Bloc scientific techniques or in new scientific advances in their own countries are contacted and that the flow of foreign scientific literature, particularly from Soviet orbit countries be increased.

I consider this a matter of great urgency and importance. From my conversations I feel assured that the American scientific community will lend its cooperation in making this program effective and in helping with the analysis of information which may be received. I bespeak your early attention to this important matter.

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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