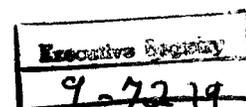


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THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

September 19, 1957

Personal and Confidential

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Defense
The Director of Defense Mobilization
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence

The President expects to issue a public statement relative to the tenth anniversary of the coming into effect of the National Security Act, which became law in September 1947. The first meeting of the National Security Council was held on September 26, 1947.

I thought you might like to see a copy of the text of the statement as it has been now approved by the President. This text will be presented to the National Security Council at its meeting next Monday and will be issued publicly thereafter.

(Signed) Bobby
Robert Cutler
Special Assistant
to the President

Attachment
As stated.

White House 1957

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1957

Dear Allen:

Having been in Europe for a short stint, I am behind in my homework. Today, I have just seen for the first time the first National Intelligence Estimate on Sino-Soviet Foreign Economic Policies and Their Probable Effects in Underdeveloped Areas.

In my judgment, this is an excellent document. The evaluation which it contains has been most useful both to me and to my staff, and I hope that the preparation of such evaluations will continue.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence B. Randall
Special Assistant to the President

The Honorable Allen Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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25 MAY 1957

Handwritten: read
Honorable Clarence B. Randall
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Clarence:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 23
concerning NIE 100-57.

I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness
in writing me your reaction to this estimate and
I am most pleased to know that it has been useful
to you and to your staff.

Sincerely,

Handwritten: Signed

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 16, 1953

Dear Bedell:

As you know, I consider the establishment of the Central Intelligence Agency one of the most important steps which I have taken, as President, in the interests of our national security. An effective intelligence service, which this country now possesses, is a vital element in our efforts for a just and lasting peace.

As Director of Central Intelligence since 1950, following your superior service as Ambassador to Moscow, you have successfully and faithfully accomplished your mission of developing the Central Intelligence Agency into an efficient and permanent arm of the Government's national security structure. During this critical period the far-reaching improvements and strengthening which you have introduced in the intelligence field have been of immeasurable value to me and the other members of the National Security Council in dealing with the difficult problems facing us.

I am firmly convinced that no President ever had such a wealth of vital information made available to him in such a useful manner as I have received through CIA. I want you to know how deeply I appreciate and admire the conscientious and loyal way in which you have accomplished your mission. I am equally sure that future Presidents will benefit substantially from the outstanding work which you have done in developing the Central Intelligence Agency.

As I prepare to leave the Presidency, I want to say thank you to a true friend, a real patriot, and a public administrator of the highest calibre.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/
Harry Truman

General Walter Bedell Smith, U. S. A.,
Director of Central Intelligence,
Washington, D. C.