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Mr. L. H. Fountain, Chairman  
Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee  
Committee on Government Operations  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fountain:

I refer to your letter of 23 December 1955 and to the attached questionnaire requesting information on the subject of intergovernmental relations between the United States and the states and municipalities.

We have reviewed the questionnaire, and have concluded that it is not applicable to this Agency. The Central Intelligence Agency, in accordance with its basic legislation and directives from the President and the National Security Council, does not carry on programs or activities which involve intergovernmental relations with state or local governmental bodies in the United States, and we are accordingly in no position to comment on the recommendations of the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

224A House Office Building

Washington, D. C.

December 23, 1955

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Honorable Allen W. Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Under the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Government Operations has the duty of studying intergovernmental relations between the United States and the states and municipalities. This responsibility has been delegated by the Committee to the Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee, which is now engaged in a study of intergovernmental relations.

This study is particularly appropriate at the present time as the Subcommittee has before it the Report of the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, which is concerned with many aspects of the role of the Federal government in relation to the states and their political subdivisions.

In order to assist the Subcommittee in carrying out its study, I will appreciate your furnishing the information requested in the attached questionnaire by February 1, 1956.

Your cooperation will contribute substantially to the success of the Subcommittee's work.

Sincerely,



L. H. Fountain, Chairman  
Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee

Enclosure  
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House Committee on Government Operations  
Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee

1. What programs or activities under the jurisdiction of your Department or Agency involve intergovernmental relationships with State and local governmental bodies? Please list by categories (such as grant-in-aid, etc.) in order of the total amount of Federal funds expended on each program or activity in fiscal year 1955.
  2. Using the order requested above, please take each program or activity separately and furnish under that heading for each such program or activity:
    - a) A brief description of the program or activity, including particularly its objectives, methods of operation and accomplishments.
    - b) A statement of the legal authority on which the program or activity is based. Please cite applicable legislation, giving date of passage.
    - c) Please furnish also the information requested below for each program or activity. (If you feel that any figures given are not representative, it would be appreciated if you would so indicate and give reasons.)
      - (1) Total amount expended on the program or activity by the Federal government, by all State governments combined and by all local governmental bodies combined for the years 1940, 1950 and 1955 (either fiscal or calendar).
      - (2) Amount expended on the program or activity by the Federal government in each State, by each State government, and by local governmental bodies in each State during fiscal year 1955, together with estimated amount to be expended in fiscal year 1956.
      - (3) An estimate of the total amount expended by all State and local governmental bodies for similar purposes or in the same field as each Federal-State program, but not as a part of such program during
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fiscal year 1955. (For example, total amount expended by State and local governmental bodies for construction of schools or highways without Federal aid.) If a significant amount is spent by non-governmental groups for similar purposes or in the same field as any Federal-State program, but not as a part of such program, please give an estimate of such amount.

3. Please furnish the information requested below for each such program or activity. (If you feel that any figures given are not representative, it would be appreciated if you would so indicate and give reasons.)
  - a) Does the Federal government contribute to State and local administrative costs for each program or activity? Please give total amount of such contribution, if any, for each program or activity during fiscal year 1955.
  - b) Number of persons engaged in each program or activity employed by the Federal government, by all State governments, and by all local governmental bodies during the years 1940, 1950 and 1955 (either fiscal or calendar).
  - c) Total number of persons engaged in each program or activity employed by the Federal government, and the number of employees engaged in each program or activity by the Federal government in each State, by each State and by all local governmental bodies during fiscal year 1955.
4. For each such program or activity please give the judgment of your Department or Agency as to:
  - a) Whether the program or activity is presently adequate or should be expanded, reduced or eliminated, indicating whether proposed changes should take place on a Federal, state or local level.

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- b) What Federal or State legislation, if any, is needed to accomplish such changes?
  - c) What other Federal or State legislation, if any, is urgently needed for, or would make a substantial contribution to, any intergovernmental programs or activities under your jurisdiction?
  - d) What specific methods should be used in seeking long-range solution of intergovernmental problems?
5. Please list and describe all public relations technique engaged in by your Department or Agency in the promotion of each intergovernmental program or activity under your jurisdiction.
6. Please furnish the information requested below regarding each program or activity:
- a) What official (or officials) in your Department or Agency is responsible for its successful operation?
  - b) What control is exercised and what supervision is made of the spending of Federal funds by State or local authorities?
  - c) What resistance or objection, if any, has been encountered from State or local authorities to such Federal control or supervision? Please describe in detail.
  - d) Does the initiative in beginning individual projects under such program or activity come from Federal, State or local authorities? Please describe in detail.
7. Please list all recommendations of the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations which are applicable to your Department or Agency.
- a) Which of these recommendations require legislation?
    - (1) Has your Department or Agency proposed such legislation?

Please give details, including copies of any proposed legislation.

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- (2) Is other legislation to implement the Commission report under consideration by your Department or Agency? Please give details.
- b) Which of these recommendations do not require legislation?
  - (1) How many of these recommendations have been put into effect?  
Please give reasons.
  - (2) How many of these recommendations have not been put into effect? Please give reasons.
8. Please give the judgment of your Department or Agency as to what new inter-governmental programs or activities, if any, should be undertaken.
9. We would be pleased to receive any additional comments or suggestions you may have regarding intergovernmental relations.

<b>TRANSMITTAL SLIP</b>		DATE 29 Dec. 55
TO: General Counsel		
ROOM NO. 221	BUILDING East	
REMARKS:  Would you please let me have some guidance as to how to answer the attached letter.  Norman S. Paul		
FROM: Legislative Counsel		
ROOM NO. 335	BUILDING Admin.	
FORM NO. 241 1 FEB 55	REPLACES FORM 36-8 WHICH MAY BE USED.	



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