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18 JAN 1950

The Honorable Frank Pace, Jr.  
Director of the Bureau of the Budget  
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pace:

Section 2 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (Public Law 110, 81st Congress) provides for a seal of office for the Central Intelligence Agency of such design as the President shall approve.

In accordance with this Section, this Agency requested that such a seal be prepared in approved form by the Heraldic Branch of the Office of the Quartermaster General of the Department of the Army.

There is forwarded herewith a proposed Executive Order setting forth the description and interpretation of the seal, together with the necessary painting and drawing, all of which have been prepared for us by the Heraldic Branch. It is necessary that this description and interpretation be approved by the President in accordance with Section 2 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act in order that judicial notice may be taken of this seal and in order that we may use it for all official purposes.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*

R. H. HILLENKOETTER  
REAR ADMIRAL, USN  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Enclosures: \*3

1. Proposed Executive Order
2. Painting of proposed CIA seal.
3. Drawing 626, Department of the Army, OQMG (2 copies).

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**ESTABLISHING A SEAL FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, approved June 20, 1949 (Public Law 110, 81st Congress), and by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

The seal for the Central Intelligence Agency shall be of the following design:

**DESCRIPTION**

**Shield:** Argent, a compass rose of sixteen points gules.

**Crest:** On a wreath argent and gules an American bald eagle's head erased proper. Below the shield on a gold color scroll the inscription "United States of America" in red letters. Encircling the shield and crest at the top the inscription "Central Intelligence Agency" in white letters; all on a circular blue background with a narrow gold edge.

The seal shall be as described and interpreted herein and as set forth in the illustrations which accompany this Order and are hereby made a part thereof.

**INTERPRETATION**

The American eagle is a symbol of strength and alertness and is the National bird. The radiating spokes of the compass rose depict the coverage of intelligence data from all areas to a central point.

Such seal being of suitable design and appropriate for establishment as the official seal of the Central Intelligence Agency:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 2 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, I hereby approve such seal as the official seal of the Central Intelligence Agency.

This order shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

**HARRY S. TRUMAN**