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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CIA

SUBJECT: Progress on Implementation of NSC 29

I attach hereto, in accordance with your suggestion to this morning, a brief statement of the actions taken by this Office in the implementation of NSC 29 to date.

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1. Since assignment was made to the Office of Policy Coordination for implementation of the conclusions of NSC 29, the following actions have been taken:

a. All pertinent materials available in the several interested governmental agencies in Washington have been accumulated and reviewed. These materials include descriptive reports, evaluations of vulnerability to sabotage, estimates of the situation, recommendations regarding appropriate remedial action and statistical data.

b. Several persons who have an intimate working knowledge of the area and of the problem presented, have been interviewed and queried as to methods of approach to the problem.

c. Mr. Milton W. Buffington of the Office of the Secretary of Defense has been selected to direct the implementation of NSC 29, on behalf of the Office of Policy Coordination. Mr. Buffington is singularly well-qualified for this assignment, inasmuch as he served in the general geographical area as an Officer of the War Department, G-2, during the war, and in addition was one of the chief responsible officials of the Office of the Provost Marshal General in plant protection activities.

Buffington has reviewed all the available materials and data and has almost completed the formulation of a plan of action which will satisfy the requirement of NSC 29 for the conduct of a comprehensive survey. Under present arrangements it is contemplated that the Survey Group can be at work within three weeks.

2. Preliminary work which this Office has undertaken can be readily passed over to whomever might be designated to assume the

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responsibility now vested in the Office of Policy Coordination with respect to NSC 29.

5. Our investigation and consideration of the problem to date indicates that responsibility for actual implementation of measures to be recommended in the survey, should probably be vested largely in the National Defense Establishment, acting through the Commander, [redacted] The latter, of course, would collaborate with the United States Embassy [redacted] and perhaps also with CIA with respect to such covert intelligence as may be required. Moreover, the Office of Policy Coordination might presumably be called upon for certain functions in connection with paragraph 6 of NSC 29.

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