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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Draft Memo to NSC re Potential Soviet Attack on our Communications Systems

1. Attached hereto is the proposed memorandum to Executive Secretary, NSC, concerning the Soviet preparations to dislocate our communications systems.

2. We are preparing an estimate summarizing the background for the conclusions stated herein, but it will take some time (a matter of weeks) to assemble all the information and I feel the situation is now so serious we should proceed as rapidly as possible.

3. We recognize that this paper is not the normal responsibility of an intelligence agency; however, the communication problem in Washington at the present time is so badly split up between Defense, the FCC, State, and the non-military governmental users of electromagnetic communications and navigation systems that no single agency is capable of viewing the problem in over-all terms, and as a matter of fact, few if any of them would consider the forwarding of such a paper because of the impact upon their own communications operation.

4. After putting the paper in final draft form, I discussed the matter with Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner, who is one of the key figures in the State Department's Troy Project, and is an outstanding executive and communication engineer. He concurred and felt that because of the variety of interests represented in the Security Council, the matter should in addition go to the President's Communications Policy Board which is now drafting its report. This Board is charged with reviewing our national communications policy and has been asked to make recommendations concerning several major aspects of this policy. It is under the chairmanship of Dr. Irvin Stewart, President of University of West Virginia, former FCC Commissioner and Executive Officer of OSRD, and includes:

Dr. William Everitt, Dean of University of Illinois  
Electrical Engineering Department

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and former Assistant Administrator  
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5. This group has been partially briefed concerning this whole  
electromagnetic warfare problem by representatives of the Troy Project  
and our thoughts on the subject will be conveyed to it through the  
Project.



Deputy Assistant Director  
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Attach: 1  
Draft memo to NSC

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