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April 16, 1953

The President

The White House

Dear Mr. President:

Reference is made to the recommendation made by Mr. C. L. Edwards, Executive Director and Acting Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, on March 20, 1953, that the position of Deputy Director for Research and Development of the National Security Agency be placed in GS-16 under the provisions of the Classification Act of 1949, and to the memorandum to me from Mr. Charles F. Willis, Jr., Special Assistant, concerning the procedure to follow in this case.

As explained in Mr. Edwards' letter, there is currently no existing space under the statutory limitation on the number of positions in GS-16 under the Classification Act of 1949, but the President is empowered to remove positions from GS-16. I recommend that the position of Managing Director in the Interstate Commerce Commission, which I understand has not been filled, be removed from GS-16 to provide space for the allocation of the position of Deputy Director for Research and Development of the National Security Agency.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Philip Young
Chairman

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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Major General Wilton B. Persons
Special Assistant to the President**

**SUBJECT: Reply to Letter from Ralph W. Powers
of the National Counter Intelligence
Corps Association**

1. Attached hereto is a draft reply which you may find helpful in answering Mr. Ralph W. Powers, whose recent memorandum to the President you submitted for my comment. Mr. Powers recommends a study be undertaken of the "adequacy and competency of the military and civilian intelligence and counter intelligence organizations of the U. S."

2. I know you have noted from the attachments to Mr. Power's letter that a similar recommendation was addressed to General Gruenther (when he was Director of the Joint Staff, National Military Establishment) under date of 8 April 1948 by a Mr. Spingarn, who was and still is active in the National Counter Intelligence Corps Association. That recommendation represented Mr. Spingarn's personal views, which were subsequently adopted in August 1948 by the National Counter Intelligence Corps Association. General Gruenther referred the Spingarn study to the Joint Intelligence Committee for review and recommendation. On 3 October 1948, the Joint Intelligence Committee completed their review and determined that some of the recommendations had merit. These recommendations were subsequently referred to the appropriate service for consideration and implementation, and Mr. Spingarn was so notified by General Gruenther. Subsequently, Mr. Spingarn wrote to General Collins, Chief of Staff, Department of the Army, on 3 December 1952, requesting an authoritative statement as to what extent the recommendations made by him in 1948 through General Gruenther were then in effect. General Collins' reply was forwarded by Mr. Powers with his recent letter to the President. Mr. Powers, as chairman of

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a National Counter Intelligence Corps Association committee, is seeking to implement the recommendations contained in the Spingarn Resolution.

3. For the information of the President and yourself, I want to state that the Chiefs of Intelligence and I are working closely and effectively together and toward providing the maximum benefit from the expenditures of the government in this field. Much work has already been accomplished along the lines suggested by the Spingarn study. The implementation of NSC-58 has resulted in the accomplishment of all the significant recommendations in the present proposal. I therefore recommend that a survey not be undertaken at this time. Our most current formal report on intelligence programs as of 31 December 1952, is contained in Section 7 of the progress report on NSC-142; it substantially reflects the situation as of today. A current report, as of 30 June 1953, will be submitted to the NSC on 1 August.

4. This matter has been discussed with the representatives of the civilian and military intelligence organizations of the government, who agree to the proposed reply.

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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**Ralph W. Powers, Esquire
Chairman, National Policy Committee
National CIC Association
Hyattsville, Maryland**

Dear Mr. Powers:

Your recent memorandum proposing that the government undertake a survey of the military and civilian counter-intelligence activities and positive intelligence activities of this government is appreciated. The continued interest of the alumni of such activities in World War II is reason for a sense of satisfaction on the part of the government.

While it would be improper for me to indicate specifically the achievements in this regard since the introduction of this matter by Mr. Spingarn in April 1948 to the Director of the Joint Staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I do wish to point out that the Chief of Staff, Department of the Army, replied to a letter last December from Mr. Spingarn indicating some of the changes which have been made and which coincide with recommended changes of the National Counter Intelligence Corps Association.

The Director of Central Intelligence and his colleagues in the other Intelligence and Counter Intelligence Agencies are concerting their continued efforts toward improvement on specific problems in these fields.

Thank you for your communication. Would you be good enough to convey our appreciation to the National Counter Intelligence Corps Association.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Reply to letter from Ralph W. Powers of the National Counter-Intelligence Corps Association

1. The attached memorandum, prepared for Mr. Dulles' signature to General Persons, and a suggested reply from the latter to Mr. Powers, have now been coordinated with FBI, G-2, AFOIN, ONI, and Joint Staff (JCS) as you requested.

2. This revision of the memorandum, reflecting IAC agency suggestions, differs from that submitted 16 June principally in that it abandons a detailed responsive commentary on the points raised by Mr. Powers in favor of a lengthier statement of the history of previous such correspondence, which has been plaguing the services and FBI for some time. Reference is still made to the current report to the NSC. The revised draft letter is briefer, but the same in tone and substantial content. Copies of the earlier drafts are attached.

3. You will remember that  of FI, as well as Mr. Amory, concurred in the earlier version. I believe the present version incorporates the suggestions you made to Mr. Reber on 16 June.

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4. I will provide the participating IAC representatives with copies of the attached when it has been dispatched.



**Acting Assistant Director
Intelligence Coordination**

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