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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director/Communications

SUBJECT : Requirement for Teletype Communications between the National Indications Center and CIA

1. Director of Central Intelligence Directive 1/2 (Attachment A), approved by the IAC on 4 May 1954, created a National Indications Center (NIC) to support the Watch Committee of the IAC. The NIC will be The Watch Committee has determined that the NIC will require teletype communications with the Office of Current Intelligence of sufficient security for passing special intelligence.

2. It is requested that the Office of Communications furnish and install the equipment at the OCI terminal of this circuit. The Department of the Air Force has been designated the executive agency for the NIC and will furnish and install the equipment at the NIC terminal.

3. The traffic on this circuit normally will be about fifteen messages per day but the main function of the circuit will be as an emergency 24-hour link between CIA and the NIC during critical periods. It will also provide a relay facility between the NIC and the Department of State.

4. The target date for completion of the NIC quarters and installations of equipment is 15 January 1955.

5. Colonel Howard B. Kenzie, USAF, is the NIC Project Officer responsible for coordinating the installation of the NIC and its communications.

USAF review(s) completed.

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Deputy Director

OSD AND USAF review(s) completed.

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