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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDGI
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Cable Secretary

SUBJECT: Dissemination of Intelligence Information

At the present time cables of operational sensitivity, although containing intelligence items, in many cases might not be distributed to the DD/I because of the desire to restrict dissemination of the sensitive information therein. In order to insure that the DD/I receives all items of intelligence interest, the following procedure will be observed:

1. The Cable Secretary is hereby charged with the responsibility of furnishing the DD/I with all intelligence items contained in cables. The specific method for accomplishing this is outlined below.

a. The Cable Secretary will refer those cables which, in his judgment, might contain material of a sensitive operational nature to the appropriate Area Division to determine whether the entire cable or only portions may be released to the DD/I; and, in addition, to obtain guidance from the Area Division as to the breadth of the dissemination within and beyond the DD/I. If the entire cable is not forwarded to the DD/I, the DD/P will cause the appropriate portions to be transmitted by PD, teletype, or other means.

b. In the event that the Cable Secretary believes a cable or portion thereof contains material of intelligence value and the Area Division recommends that it not be disseminated to the DD/I, the Cable Secretary will refer the issue to the Executive Assistant to the Director to obtain the decision of the Director or the Deputy Director.

c. The DD/I will insure that at all times the Cable Secretary has knowledge adequate to permit him to recognize that material which has intelligence value. Likewise, the DD/P will insure that, at all times, the Cable Secretary has knowledge adequate to permit him to recognize that material which has sensitive operational content.

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d. In order to assist the Cable Secretary in performing the screening function and to assure that the requirements of the DD/I are being met, the DD/I will require a senior member of his office, who has limited official contacts outside of CIA, and who is acceptable to the DD/P to spot-check on one day of each month all incoming cables received by the Cable Secretariat during a day, but which are not selected for distribution to the DD/I. Excluded from the cables that the DD/I representative may see will be EYES ONLY, KAPOK, KYBAT, and such other cables as are specifically designated by the DCI. Such cables received during the day which is under examination will be sent by the Cable Secretary to the EA/DCI for verification by the DCI that they should be withheld. In view of the fact that this system can to a degree be nullified by the improper use of the exceptional categories cited above, all personnel will assist in policing those categories to insure that they do not contain any material of intelligence value. As an interim measure and until existing regulations can be amended, the DD/P will notify all persons under his control of the necessity for not including both operational and intelligence items in the same cable.

2. Regardless of any of the above action taken by the Cable Secretary, it is the basic responsibility of the Action Office to insure that each interested element or echelon of this Agency (including the DCI) is informed of the content of those cables for which the Action Office has the action and where, in its judgment, such element or echelon has a "need to know".

3. The above procedure will become effective 11 July 1953.

~~SIGNED~~
Allen W. Dulles
Director

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