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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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Deputy Director (Administration)
Director of Training
Assistant Director/Communications
Assistant Director/Operations
Assistant Director/National Estimates
Assistant Director/Scientific Intelligence
Assistant Director/Current Intelligence
Assistant Director/Collection & Dissemination
Assistant Director/Research & Reports
Chief, FI

SUBJECT: Telecommunications Censorship Planning

1. The Office of Naval Intelligence is responsible for establishing a censorship of civilian international telecommunications in the event of a national emergency. In advance planning to execute this responsibility, ONI has asked CIA whether it wished to be included in the Navy communication plan.

2. The responsible Offices (particularly FI and OCI) deem it important to have CIA included and the Assistant Director for Communications has concluded arrangements with Navy. There is attached a copy of a memorandum to OIC from AD/Commo, dated 7 October 1953, detailing those arrangements.

3. Addressees are reminded that there is another related, but separate, aspect of censorship planning, namely: censorship of the international mails and of communications carried by travelers. The responsibility for establishing this censorship is jointly assigned to Army and Air Force. Planning for this censorship has involved CIA in producing the "National Censorship Requirements Guide" (see memorandum to ADs from AD/IC dated 21 March 1952). No further action is required on this aspect of censorship at this time.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To : Office of Intelligence Coordination

Date: Oct. 7, 1953

Attn :

From : Assistant Director for Communications

Subject: Wartime Telecommunications Censorship Plan

1. This office has completed arrangements to provide CIA with communications in connection with the Wartime Telecommunications Censorship Plan. Within four days, upon activation of this plan, a simplex teletypewriter circuit will be installed connecting the CIA Signal Center located in Room 1216 L Building with the Wartime Telecommunications Censorship Teletypewriter Center. When this circuit is installed and tested, your office will be notified that the circuit is open to receive traffic.

2. At the present time, the Signal Center location seems most appropriate as it will allow twenty-four hour coverage. However, should an alternate location become desirable because of changing operational requirements in your office or in the Signal Center, this office will make arrangements with the Telecommunications Censorship Networks Officer to relocate the circuit.

3. It is understood that the expense incurred in establishing this circuit will be borne by Navy Censorship, and that maintenance of the equipment will be performed by technicians of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

4. Your attention is invited to the fact that the circuit in question is an unclassified, plain language teletypewriter circuit. It is our understanding that no intent, nor provisions, exist for concealing the interest of CIA and other governmental agencies in censorship reports on certain individuals although other arrangements are planned to protect the reasons why CIA or other governmental agencies are interested in such individuals.

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