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Mr. W. A. Minor, Jr.
Temporary Chairman
ICIS Subcommittee on Defense Against
Unconventional Attack
2107 Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Minor:

In reply to your letter of 25 November 1949,  is designated as the CIA representative on the Working Group of the ICIS Subcommittee on Defense Against Unconventional Attack, which will consider the intelligence and other problems involved in countering clandestine delivery of the atomic bomb and biological, chemical and radiological materials.

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In connection with this matter I strongly urge that you submit a request direct to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for designation of a representative to serve as a member of the Working Group.

Sincerely yours,

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R. H. HILLENKOETTER
REAR ADMIRAL, USN
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

(In connection with letter DOI to Mr. W. A. Minor, Department of Justice)

1. Basic communication is letter requesting "best qualified" CIA representative to serve on Working Group of the Subcommittee on Defense Against Unconventional Attack of the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security (ICIS). The Working Group is to be composed of "smuggling experts" with the mission of determining the means by which atomic bombs, BW, CW and RW materials could be smuggled into the US, as well as the effectiveness of existing counter-measures and possible counter-measures to be developed. Other agencies requested to designate representatives were: Customs, Coast Guard, Immigration & Naturalization Service, IIC, CAA and Post Office.

2. ICIS was established by NSC to coordinate certain phases of internal security. The Subcommittee on Defense Against Unconventional Attack was established by the ICIS in September 1949. Dr. Machle is the CIA member and [redacted] is the alternate. Basic communication was received by [redacted] at the 29 November meeting of the Sub-Committee.

3. Prior to establishment of subject Working Group, the matter of CIA representation was discussed by [redacted] with Mr. Harvey who agreed informally to make available a member for OSO.

4. In order to obtain proper representation from FBI, which is essential, Mr. Harvey feels that such representation should be requested direct from the FBI instead of requesting representation from the IIC.

5. The requirements of the Subcommittee for estimates of USSR capabilities in AW, BW, CW, and RW are being formalized and will be forwarded to CIA in the near future. Security aspects of dissemination of these estimates to individuals from non-IAC agencies have been discussed with I & S.

6. Concurrences:

[redacted], OSI

William Harvey, OSO

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