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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: National Security Act of 1947

1. With reference to your memorandum, subject as above, dated 11 September 1947, it is noted that all addressees are members of the National Intelligence Authority. The following comments are equally applicable, whether expressed through representation on the National Intelligence Authority or the National Security Council.
2. I concur that all directives of the National Intelligence Authority and the Central Intelligence Group should be continued in full force and effect until the National Security Council has had an opportunity to study them.
3. I further concur that the Director of Central Intelligence be directed to submit to the National Security Council his proposal as to the actions which may be necessary to bring former directives of the National Intelligence Authority into agreement with the National Security Act of 1947.
4. I would have no objection to the Director of Central Intelligence attending those meetings of the National Security Council which are of interest to the Central Intelligence Agency but of course this is a matter for decision by the Chairman of the Council.
5. The establishment by the National Security Council of a subcommittee to furnish active direction to the Central Intelligence Agency is incompatible with my conception of the functioning of the Council. I visualize that the Council will act as an entity on all matters within its cognizance, and that the Director of Central Intelligence may expect to receive broad directives from the Council.


Kenneth C. Royall
Secretary of the Army

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Army review(s) completed.

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