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Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr.
Special Assistant for Intelligence
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Park:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of [redacted] report on the USIA's intelligence needs and assets prepared at the suggestion of the Director of that Agency. The report recommends that your Office increase its production of certain types of intelligence, mainly under the MIS program. In particular, it recommends that you undertake substantial additional production on international communism. These recommendations assume the assignment of basic responsibilities within the Intelligence Community presently set forth in NSCID-3.

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I especially call your attention to this assumption because I believe we should soon reexamine certain aspects of that allocation of responsibilities. In particular, I believe we should consider whether the additional intelligence production on international communism that is urgently needed both by the USIA and by several members of the Intelligence Community can best be undertaken by this Agency rather than by your Office.

In his report [redacted] properly did not go behind NSCID-3 as presently drafted, since it would not have been appropriate for him within his terms of reference to reexamine the present allocation of responsibilities. However,

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while we proceed with the implementation of the Report, I am appointing a senior official of this Agency to discuss the matter of NSCID-3 with you. Naturally any changes in the Directive which might emerge from these discussions would eventually have to be reflected in the implementation of the Report.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

ALLEN W. DILLON
Director

Attachment