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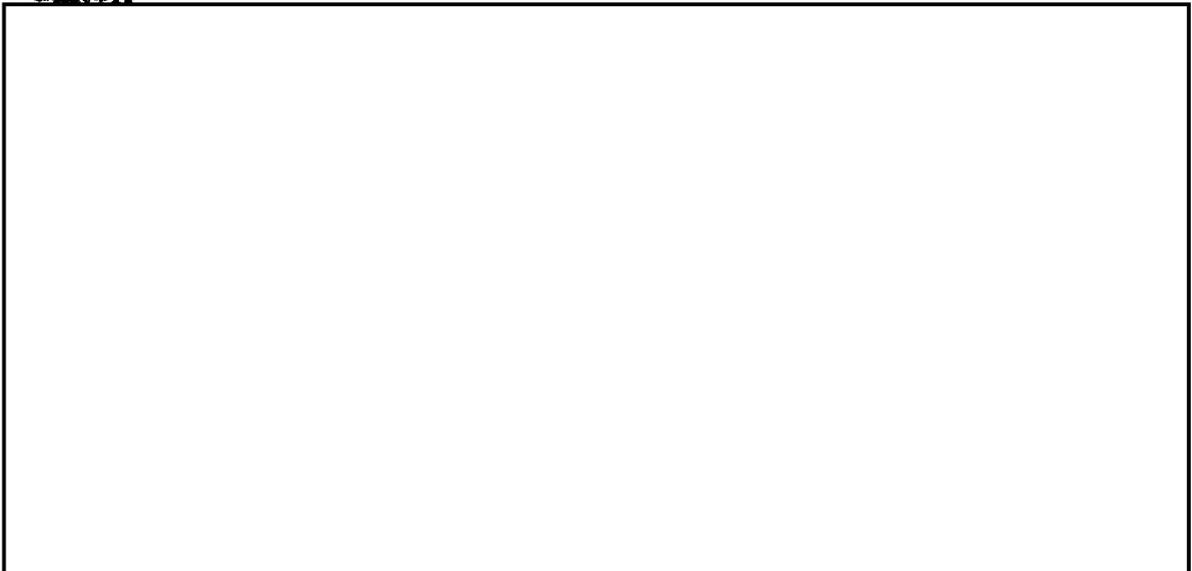
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Immediate Issues with the Department of State Involved in Completing Action on the USIA Survey

Problems:

1. Whether State or CIA should have responsibility for research in the field of international communism (the DCI having indicated to Mr. Armstrong that he wishes to reconsider this responsibility, which is at present with the Department of State);

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Discussion:

4. The "Report of the Survey of USIA's Intelligence Needs and Assets" has been approved through an exchange of letters among the principal parties concerned and all IAC actions in regard thereto have been completed or will be shortly. The USIA has appointed a Director for a new

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USAF Review completed

ARMY, DOS, USIA and NAVY review(s) completed.

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intelligence unit, and its organization is proceeding rapidly. The Department of State has requested funds for the rest of fiscal year 1955 to implement the Report in regard to the State Department's responsibilities (Tab A).

5. In connection with your letter of 23 July 1954 to Mr. Armstrong regarding the USIA Report, you indicated your belief that we should soon reexamine certain aspects of that allocation of responsibilities under NSCID-3 and in particular on international communism. There is attached at Tab B a staff study on the subject Location of Primary Responsibility for Research on International Communism, which Mr. Bissell is using as background in discussions which he was directed to undertake on this subject with Mr. Armstrong.

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Recommendation:

9. That you sign the letter to Mr. Armstrong attached at Tab C.

SIGNED

RICHARD M. BISSELL
Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Coordination

Attachments

CONCUR:

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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Deputy Director (Administration)

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Deputy Director (Plans)

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