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23 November 1949

MEMORANDUM TO: EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: Intra-CIA Export Control Committee

REFERENCE: Department of Commerce's Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Requirements  
Memo to Executive from COAPS, November 22

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*[Handwritten signature]*

1. I am opposed to formal Committees, especially within CIA, among its own offices and especially when the responsible interested man could and should talk over his subject matter with other sections of CIA that could supply him with pertinent data. Even though ~~in an~~ *we are* not a truly Centralized Intelligence agency let us be close enough within the shop to be a Centralized Agency dealing with intelligence.

2. I should say the attached circular from ORE to OSO, OO and OSI is a cumbersome way for a CIA Observer to work for a Department of Commerce or for any other outside committee. I assume that the committee figures out the requirements of other countries for our sensitive and other materials, the amount in supply here, etc., and makes recommendations on U. S. policy re Exports.

3. I feel that Commerce is drawing upon our intelligence facilities to aid them and we are not establishing a CIA Party Line Policy to guide the Department of Commerce's Committee.

4. OSO works closely with their Enforcement Staff re illegal exports, illegal transshipments, etc.

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I should think [Redacted] *If scientific matters arise,* could consult with pertinent OSI desks without having another formal "committee" as he would consult with other analysts in ORE if the Commerce Committee were interested in matters within the competence of any CIA individual or office.

5. If there is a formal committee, OCD should be notified of the work it does and of its membership, as indicated in our memo of November 22 since OCD has primary interest in operational liaison.

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6. I recommend, however, a circular memo to all Assistant Directors and COAPS from ORE stating that their [Redacted] is representing CIA as an Observer on the Department of Commerce's Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Requirements pertaining to sensitive

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and other materials in short supply here, needed by other governments, on which we have Export Controls. Since he may have to call upon other segments of CIA for assistance, he would like to know the names of individuals whom he could contact on this matter in OSI and when necessary, in the other offices of CIA, including OSO. He would like to receive from OO and OSO, copies of any information they may collect on this subject of use to the Department of Commerce's advisory committee.

7. In other words, let the left hand know what the right hand is doing WITHIN CIA. Outside CIA, too much is sometimes known about what each CIA finger is doing, but inside CIA just the opposite prevails.

8. Here endeth my Thanksgiving Sermon for what it may or may not be worth!

PRESCOIT CHILDS, Chief  
Coordination, Operations  
and Policy Staff

cc: COAPS ORE file ✓  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OPI

SUBJECT: Export Control Committee

REFERENCES: (a) DDI Letter to Secretary of Commerce, dated 30 August 1949  
(b) Proposed AD/OPI memorandum to D/OSO, OS, and OPI, dated 31 October 1949

ENCLOSURE: (A) Reference (b)

1. In reference (b) the AD/OPI proposes the establishment of an intra-CIA Standing Committee to assist [redacted] Economics Division, OPI, in presenting the full CIA viewpoint before the Department of Commerce's Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Requirements, to which committee [redacted] was appointed in reference (a).

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2. It is considered that effective direct liaison with OSO, OS and OSI, through normal administrative channels, should be adequate, without the necessity for establishing a formal intra-CIA committee for this purpose.

3. Enclosure (A) is accordingly returned herewith, with the alternate suggestion that AD/OPI initiate a memorandum addressed to all Assistant Directors and COAPS advising that [redacted] is representing CIA as an observer on the Department of Commerce's Inter-departmental Advisory Committee on Requirements pertaining to sensitive and other materials upon which the United States exercises export controls and he may desire the assistance of various offices within CIA in the fulfillment of his duties.

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REMARKS: Suggested memo from Exec to AD/ORE attached R

Memo signed & sent. Herewith for file.