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26 May 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant Colonel J. C. Marchant
Air Force Member, Standing Committee
Intelligence Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: United States Armed Forces Underground
Intelligence Activities in the event of
Enemy Occupation of Alaska

REFERENCE: Memorandum to Coordinations, Operations,
and Policy Staff, CIA, dated 16 May 1950

1. The above-mentioned reference has been given consideration in CIA and discussed informally with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As you realize, Alaska is not within the jurisdiction of the activities of this Agency, but rather within the responsibilities of the FBI.

2. It is recommended, therefore, that the Defense Department discuss this matter with the FBI. If, as a result of these discussions, it is desired that this Agency give assistance with personnel or equipment, CIA will be glad to collaborate to the extent of its capabilities.



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R. H. HILLENKOTTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central
Intelligence

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24 May 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Alaska

Herewith is the original Air Force letter of May 16, 1950 on the above subject, and an AD/OSO Memorandum of May 23 in reply to our inquiry about this present or future interest in Alaska.

Before COAPS does anything with the Standing Committee or Intelligence Advisory Committee, as requested by the Air Force, will you or clarify the OSO-FBI interests in Alaska -- especially under the circumstances set forth in the attachments.



PRESCOTT CHILDS, Chief
Coordination, Operations
and Policy Staff

cc: AD/OSO

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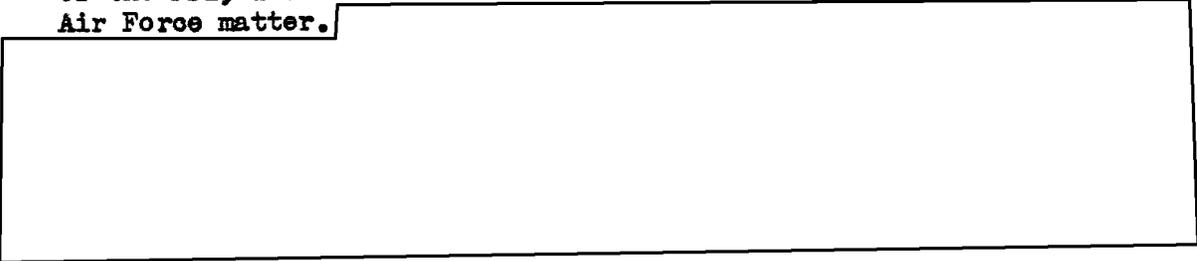
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, COORDINATION, OPERATIONS AND POLICY STAFF

REFERENCE: T/S Memorandum (36046) to COAPS from Lt. Colonel Marchant, "United States Armed Forces Underground Intelligence Activities in the Event of Enemy Occupation of Alaska", dated 16 May 1950

1. On 20 January 1950, I was approached by Lieutenant Colonel CHOOS, G-2 Staff Alaska Command, who stated that the Command was of the opinion that steps should be taken to lay down a stay-behind organization to become active in the event of enemy occupation of the territory. During the course of the discussion, it became apparent that no authoritative request had been formalized requesting CIA support for this project. I therefore advised Lt. Colonel CHOOS that the G-2 in Alaska draw up its views in a formal paper signed by the Commanding General of the area and that it be forwarded through channels to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Only in this manner could CIA take official cognizance of this request and make the necessary arrangements with the FBI.
2. It is apparent that Colonel Corderman's memorandum to the Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force, dated 3 March (which was attached to Lt. Colonel Marchant's memorandum to you) is the result of my conversation with Lt. Colonel CHOOS.
3. While it is true that CIA does not have formal authority to conduct operations in the United States or its territories (including Alaska) and that this area falls technically within the jurisdiction of the FBI, I do not believe that this is wholly an internal FBI-Air Force matter.



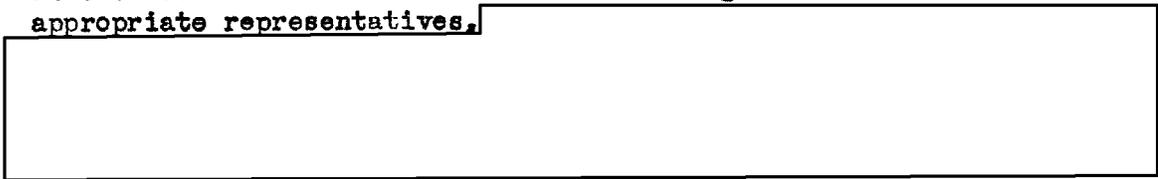
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4. I therefore suggest, before any action committing this agency is taken, that discussions be held between the FBI and CIA at the level of the Directors of the two organizations, or their appropriate representatives.



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Special Operations

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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MEMORANDUM TO COORDINATIONS, OPERATIONS AND POLICY STAFF

Attention: AirForce Member

Subject: "United States Armed Forces Underground Intelligence
Activities in the Event of Enemy Occupation of Alaska"

1. Following conversation between and Lt. Colonel Marchant, of the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, there is included herewith copy of a letter from Headquarters, Alaskan Command to the Chief of Staff, USAF, dated 3 March 1950, subjects: "United States Armed Forces Underground Intelligence Activities in the Event of Enemy Occupation of Alaska", which requests that consideration be given to the establishment of a policy which will prevent duplication of effort in the acquisition of intelligence in Alaska in the event of occupation of that area by an enemy.

2. It is requested that in view of the interest of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the service intelligence agencies in this field the problem be presented to the Standing Committee of the Intelligence Advisory Committee with the object of preparing a proposed policy for presentation to the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

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Hqs. Alaskan Command,
dtd 3 Mar 50

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John C. Marchant".

JOHN C. MARCHANT
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Air Force Member, Standing Committee,
Intelligence Advisory Committee

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**HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA**

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**SUBJECT: United States Armed Forces Underground Intelligence Activities
in the Event of Enemy Occupation of Alaska**

**TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.**

1. This command is preparing a plan which will provide means for obtaining intelligence information in the event Alaska, or part of it, is occupied by an enemy force. The plan contemplates the selection, training and equipping of selected United States citizens who are long-established residents of the section of Alaska for which they would be expected to provide coverage. Another desirable requirement would be that they had no previous military record.
2. In view of the present jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the possible interest of the Central Intelligence Agency in this field, it is requested that consideration be given toward establishing a policy which will prevent duplication of effort and possible interference between interested agencies.

FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:

**W. PRESTON CORDERMAN
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff**

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