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FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES  
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concurrence of the Intelligence Advisory Committee.)

I. What is the present program?

1. It is axiomatic that the situation appreciated in NSC 68 and the policies and programs adopted to meet it require the improvement and intensification of US foreign intelligence and related activities, as a safeguard against political or military surprise, and as essential to the conduct of the affirmative program envisaged.

2. The Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Committee have taken and are taking action directed toward the improvement and intensification of foreign intelligence and related activities. For reasons of security, the specific programs undertaken and contemplated and their budgetary requirements are not set forth here. It has been determined, however, that even the substantially increased budgets required are inconsiderable in relation to the grand total of the other programs described in NSC 68/4.

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II. To what extent has this program been completed?

3. Coordination. Since September 1950 there has been substantial progress in the development of cooperation and coordination among the several intelligence agencies through the active utilization of the Intelligence Advisory Committee as a means to that end. The most notable specific measures contributing to this result have been:

a. A thorough reorganization of the Central Intelligence Agency to eliminate duplication of departmental activities and to develop agencies for interdepartmental coordination and for the provision of services of common concern.

b. Establishment of the Office of National Estimates, including the National Estimates Board, as a means of developing and coordinating national intelligence estimates.

c. Establishment of the Office of Research and Reports and of the Economic Intelligence Committee as means of coordinating basic research in certain fields of common interest, with special reference to the multifarious and hitherto uncoordinated field of economic intelligence, and for the conduct of certain research of common interest.

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d. Establishment of an interdepartmental Watch Committee for the systematic review of current indications as a safeguard against surprise.

Although detailed problems of coordination may remain to be solved, an effective system of coordination and spirit of cooperation have been established. In this sense it may be said that this aspect of the program has been completed.

4. Intensification. An intensification of foreign intelligence and related activities, to the extent feasible with the means available, has already been accomplished. Further progress depends on the augmentation of personnel and facilities. A review of the situation as regards both CIA and the departmental agencies supports the generalization that their projected expansion is about half accomplished and that present goals will be substantially attained by mid-1952.

III. What are the difficulties encountered?

5. All of the intelligence agencies have experienced difficulty in the recruitment of properly qualified personnel. The basic difficulty is in actually finding desirable recruits rather than in the budgetary and procedural aspects of the matter, although the time lag in security clearances has proved a hindrance in some cases and one departmental agency -- that in State -- has experienced difficulty in obtaining budgetary provision for adequate personnel expansion.

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6. Another notable difficulty is that of obtaining adequate and suitable provision of office space. That problem is particularly acute as regards CIA. The existing situation not only perpetuates intolerable security hazards and uneconomic operational inefficiencies, but also frustrates development responsive to NSC 68.

IV. What is the adequacy and timing of the present programs?

7. Present programs for the improvement and intensification of intelligence and related activities are deemed adequate in the circumstances. Their substantial completion by mid-1952 is anticipated.

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SUMMARY OF ANNEX NO. 6

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2. Since September 1950 there has been substantial progress in the development of cooperation and coordination among the several intelligence agencies through the active utilization of the Intelligence Advisory Committee as a means to that end. Although detailed problems remain to be solved, an effective system of coordination has been established and that aspect of the program may be said to have been completed.

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3. An intensification of intelligence and related activities, to the extent feasible with the means available, has also been accomplished. Further progress depends on the augmentation of personnel and facilities. The projected expansion of CIA and the departmental agencies is, in general, about half completed.

4. All intelligence agencies have experienced difficulty in finding and recruiting properly qualified personnel. Only the intelligence organization of the Department of State has had notable difficulty in obtaining adequate budgetary provision for personnel expansion. Lack of adequate and suitable office space has hindered development of CIA responsive to NSC 68.

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