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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Semi-Annual Status Report for the NSC on the Foreign Intelligence Program

1. Pursuant to your instructions, subject report has been further revised in coordination with the IAC representatives, with a view to including more data of a positive character. Substantive changes have been marked in the copy forwarded with this memorandum.

2. The changes in the Watch Committee section (page 2) were made pursuant to the suggestion of [REDACTED] at the 15 February IAC meeting to the effect that the relationship of the Indications Center to the Watch Committee should be more clearly stated.

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3. The significant changes in the Military Intelligence section (section 4a, page 5) involve nuclear weapons and were prepared in consultation with [REDACTED]. CIA proposals to delete the last two sentences of the first paragraph of this section were met with virtually unanimous objection by the Service representatives.

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4. The CIA proposed deletion of the section on Target Materials Production (section 4b., page 6) together with the ONI footnote was strongly opposed by the ONI representative. The Air Force is willing to delete this section but does not object to its inclusion. Our position has been that this is a matter of detail, not a highlight, that could well be eliminated consistent with our omission of similar detail elsewhere in the report. Furthermore, the difference between the Air Force and ONI appears to be largely, although not exclusively, one of statistical reporting. It is still our view that this material should be deleted but it is most unlikely that the Director of Naval Intelligence will concede this point.

5. A section on Exploitation of Defectors has been added (page 12).

6. Section IV (page 15) has been revised and strengthened pursuant to your instructions to [REDACTED]. The present text has his approval. G-2 expressed some dissatisfaction with paragraph 4 of this section. The G-2 representative proposed the following substitute paragraph:

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"In certain categories, however, the quality of information acquired on the USSR has improved. Significant information has been obtained on modifications of Soviet Army tactical doctrine for nuclear warfare."

7. Except for the ONI footnote on page 6 and the G-2 tentative reservation on the matter cited immediately above (paragraph 6), there were no dissents recorded by the representatives.

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Secretary
Intelligence Advisory Committee