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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE**

**SUBJECT: Report of Ad Hoc Prisoners Information Support  
Committee dated 23 April 1957**

1. This report outlines the activities of the ad hoc subcommittee established by the IAC on 3 April 1956 to study means, including a possible interdepartmental mechanism, for providing increased intelligence support for activities directed toward recovery of U. S. nationals held in Communist countries. Because this was regarded as primarily a matter within the cognizance of the Departments of Defense and State, CIA agreed at that time that the chairmanship of the Committee should go to the Department of Defense.

2. Since there is general agreement among the members of the ad hoc Committee as to this report, we do not anticipate any problems when it is discussed by the IAC.

3. In brief, the recommendations of the Committee, in which the CIA member concurs, are as follows:

- a. to dissolve the ad hoc group;
- b. to point out to agencies or departments who are responsible for U. S. personnel held, now or in the future,

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by Communist countries the intelligence support that can be utilized for the collection and dissemination of information related to personnel actions.

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**CIA Member  
Ad Hoc Prisoners Information  
Support Committee**

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