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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Coordination

SUBJECT : Proposed to DCI-Designated Representatives

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Reference is made to your memorandum of 17 May 1961, subject as above, which submitted a draft dispatch to certain overseas installations regarding coordination of clandestine activities abroad. The dispatch, as written, meets with our approval.

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Deputy Director
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4 May 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chairman, United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT : Implementation of Recommendation No. 38
of Joint Study Group Report

1. The Cost Estimates Committee has considered Recommendation No. 38 of the Joint Study Group on which this Committee was directed to develop data and recommendations for USIB consideration.

2. Recommendation No. 38(a) proposes that clear and specific determinations be made as to those activities which are subject to the coordination of the Director of Central Intelligence and the guidance of the USIB. It is not believed that the Cost Estimates Committee is the appropriate element of the Intelligence Community to prepare basic recommendations concerning this proposal in view of the area of responsibility assigned to the Committee. For this reason, it is suggested that this item be referred to the Assistant for Coordination for the preparation of recommendations for USIB consideration.

3. Recommendation No. 38(b) proposes that cost and manpower data be prepared in such a form so that the resulting figures will permit the USIB to review and coordinate the effort expended on foreign intelligence activities, especially through the review referred to in Section VII, Recommendation No. 32. Since the Coordination Staff has been assigned the responsibility for the development of procedures in carrying out Recommendation No. 32, the Cost Estimates Committee will be available to work with the Staff in developing reasonable and workable cost reports which will aid in the review and coordination of effort expended on foreign intelligence activities.

4. The development, however, of instructions concerning and the form of a report on costs and manpower data on foreign intelligence cannot be made in its final form until the determinations proposed in Recommendation No. 38(a) and the policy questions involved in the latter part of Recommendation No. 38(b) concerning the review and coordination of the effort expended on foreign intelligence activities as proposed in Recommendation No. 32 (paragraphs 2 and 3 above) have been finally consummated.

/s/ E. R. SAUNDERS
Chairman
Cost Estimates Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: JSG Recommendation No. 39

1. On 6 April 1961, the informal working group* on recommendation 39 was briefed by Dr. Tordella, Deputy Director, NSA, and by members of his staff, on research and development activities of NSA and the extent and method of coordination with CIA.

2. The following general points emerged from this briefing and the questions and answers which followed it:

a. With respect to the development of specific items of equipment required for operational purposes, coordination is effective, and is stimulated by the pressure to utilize whatever equipment can be made available or adapted to the purpose.

b. With respect to research on new techniques, coordination is much less thorough. The thought was expressed that this lack of coordination was not necessarily harmful; for many problems it is useful to take several approaches, and in any case the actual costs of this type of research are minor, compared with other types of r and d expense.

c. One problem area clearly emerged. This was the lack of consideration often given to the consequences of the successful development of a new collection tool, in terms of the necessary equipment and techniques which might need to be developed for readout and technical analysis. It has happened in the past that a new collection technique was developed and put into service, with no coordination with those elements responsible for analysis and interpretation of the data collected. This has led to hasty, expensive, and unsatisfactory development of readout equipment.

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* General Strong, CIA; Messrs. [redacted] and Col. Smith, DOD; Mr. Nordbeck, Coordination Staff.

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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
SECURITY COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Security Committee

SUBJECT : Implementation of Recommendation No. 42
of the Joint Study Group Report

In accordance with the discussion at the Committee meeting on 4 May, there is attached a copy of the Committee's report to the Board concerning recommendation No. 42. This report reflects those changes agreed to at the meetings on 27 April and 4 May. A copy of the attached has been forwarded to the Board.



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5 May 1961

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
SECURITY COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT : Report of the Security Committee in Implementing Recommendation No. 42 of the Joint Study Group Report re "Foreign Intelligence Activities of the United States Government" dated 15 December 1960

REFERENCE : Memorandum from Chairman, Security Committee to the USIB. Subject: Initial Report of Progress in Implementing Recommendations Nos. 14, 18 and 42 of the Joint Study Group Report re "Foreign Intelligence Activities" (IBSEC-PR/2, 30 March 1961). Memorandum from Chairman, USIB to the Board. Subject: Implementation of Approved Recommendations (USIB-D-1.5/4, 21 February 1961).

1. In accordance with the reference memorandum from the Chairman, USIB, as concurred in by the USIB at its 28 February meeting, there is set forth the report of the Security Committee concerning its consideration of recommendation No. 42. Action by the Security Committee concerning recommendations Nos. 14 and 18 is pending before the Committee and reports concerning these recommendations will be submitted to the Board as completed.

2. In response to the request by the Security Committee, the Chairman, National Security Council Special Committee on Technical Surveillance Countermeasures submitted a memorandum dated 21 April 1961 identifying the areas of support desired from the USIB of those efforts initiated by the NSC Special Committee in the counter-audio surveillance field. A copy of this memorandum is attached. It is our understanding that a similar requirement for the collection of that information requested by the Chairman of the Special Committee has previously been levied upon the intelligence community.

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3. In addition, it is recommended that the United States Intelligence Board strongly support and recommend to the appropriate USIB member departments and agencies that necessary action be taken to implement the following in their areas of interest:

a. Insure that appropriate officials are made aware of the audio threat by briefings or publications.

b. Insure that countermeasures recommended by the NSC Special Committee on Technical Surveillance Countermeasures are adopted as far as practicable.

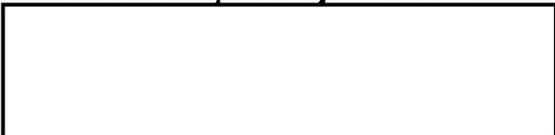
c. Insure that research and development facilities are available on a higher priority basis for audio countermeasure equipment and projects.

d. Indoctrinate appropriate officials in the fact that the audio countermeasure field is a professional field and therefore requires professional personnel assigned on a permanent basis.

4. It is also recommended that the USIB review the Annual Report to the NSC by the NSC Special Committee on Technical Surveillance Countermeasures and support the recommendations contained therein.

5. The Chairman of the CODIB Committee was consulted concerning this recommendation and advised that CODIB has been concerned with security problems in the development of remote systems input devices. It was noted that this problem is before the Committee on Compromising Emanations of the U. S. Communications Security Board for appropriate action. Therefore, no further action is contemplated by the Security Committee in this matter, and the Chairman of the CODIB Committee has been so advised.

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Acting Chairman

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cc: Chairman, CODIB Committee
Assistant for Coordination

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21 April 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Security Committee
United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT : Recommendation No. 42 of the Joint Study
Group Report on Foreign Intelligence
Activities of the United States Government,
Dated 15 December 1960

The National Security Council Special Committee is most appreciative of the interest reflected and strong support offered through Recommendation No. 42 of the Joint Study Group Report on Foreign Intelligence Activities of the United States Government.

One of the most pressing problems confronting the Special Committee is the demand for continuing information on the capabilities of foreign governments in audio-surveillance and counter-measures. Whereas the primary interest is in the capabilities of the Sino-Soviet Bloc, any intelligence relating to new developments in these fields by other foreign nations and particularly indications of use or intended use of audio or counter audio-surveillance equipment and techniques against the United States would be of extreme interest. Such intelligence would include:



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Any assistance that the USIB, through its member agencies, can render to the Special Committee by collecting such information on a continuing basis will be appreciated. Such intelligence should be disseminated to the Chairman of the NSC Special Committee.

/s/

William O. Boswell
Chairman
NSC Special Committee on
Technical Surveillance
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