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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT TO THE DCI FOR COORDINATION

SUBJECT: Status Report re Joint Study Group Recommendation 15

REFERENCE: USIB-D-1.5/6, 10 March 1961

1. Referenced document has been forwarded by the Chairman, Watch Committee, to the National Indications Center for initial staffing and recommendations. Preliminary discussion and contacts disclose that there are considerable divergences of opinion among USIB agencies as to the level of manning of NIC. No immediate action will be possible on this matter; USIB agreement in August 1960 to augment the manning of the 24-hour Watch Officer Section in NIC from one officer to one officer and a junior has yet to be fully implemented by two agencies out of five. In any case, conclusive discussion of personnel problems will be out of the question until the matter of the prospective MIA/DIA is decided, at least as far as the service agencies are concerned.

2. With respect to the forwarding to the NIC of sensitive and highly classified information bearing on the Center's mission, there has been a notable improvement in recent weeks. The NIC is better and more currently informed on US operational plans in relation to the Laos crisis, for example, than in any prior situation. This portion of Recommendation 15 cannot be "legislated;" its execution is more a function of awareness of the mission of the Watch Committee and the NIC on the part of those in a position to send such information along. The Chairman of the Watch Committee has reminded the members of the committee on several occasions to take all possible measures to ensure that this sector of information is promptly furnished the NIC. There seems to be little more that can be done in a concrete way to carry this recommendation further for the present.

Respectfully,

[Redacted Signature]

Director

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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Communications Intelligence Committee
Chairman, Committee on Documentation
Chairman, Committee on Exploitation of Foreign
Language Publications
Chairman, Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance
Chairman, Cost Estimates Committee
Chairman, Security Committee
Chairman, Watch Committee

SUBJECT : Implementation of Approved Recommendations
re "Foreign Intelligence Activities"

Set forth below for guidance is an excerpt from the minutes of the Intelligence Board meeting on 28 February (USIB-M-142, item 5) indicating the Board action on proposals designed to implement certain approved Joint Study Group recommendations. As you will note by reference also to USIB-D-1.5/4, these USIB-approved proposals include action to be taken by your committee:

" Concurred in Mr. Dulles' proposal regarding the implementation of certain approved Joint Study Group recommendations as set forth in his 21 February memorandum (USIB-D-1.5/4) and agreed that recommendations 10, 14, 15, 18, 38, 40, and 42 should be referred to appropriate USIB committees for the action indicated in the attachment to that memorandum, subject to modifications of No. 14 and certain understandings as to the interpretation of Nos. 18 and 42.

"In this connection, the Board agreed that the Committee on Documentation (CODIB) and the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR) should be added to those committees with which the Security Committee should coordinate in developing its recommendations regarding No. 14. With respect to recommendation 18 it was recognized that certain

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problems might arise due to operational security considerations and that any Board member having such problems would work out internally with his Security Committee representative and other appropriate personnel a method of handling the matter within his agency. It also was understood that the Security Committee, in taking the required action regarding recommendation 42, would consult CODIB, as appropriate, with respect to any considerations pertinent to CODIB's activities."

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Executive Secretary

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