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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference (IIC) and the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security (ICIS) vs. the Central Intelligence Agency

1. You will recall with regard to the Attorney General's comments on the State-Defense Report for the NSC on the Dulles Report that State and Defense thought the Attorney General's reply did not clearly indicate the investigative nature of his interest in the IIC.

2. In reading over the June 15, 1949 NSC 17/5 on Internal Security giving the charters of the IIC and the ICIS, I think the points listed below should be clarified, especially since the FBI has heretofore often held that the IIC is supreme in many matters that also affect CIA:

a. Is it "internal security" or internal matters affecting security?

b. What is the difference between "national security" and "internal security?"

c. What are "other intelligence matters affecting internal security" related to "espionage, counter-espionage, sabotage, and subversion" which appears so constantly throughout this paper?

d. In paragraph B (7) on page 3 of NSC 17/5 the IIC seems to be supreme in coordination of "activities," not "investigative activities" relating to intelligence matters effecting internal security; i.e., all matters, foreign as well as domestic?

3. You may wish to have the General Counsel give you a memo which you can transmit to Mr. Souers on NSC 17/5 as it relates to the status of CIA under the National Security Act of 1947.

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Chief, ICAPS

cc: Dulles Report file
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NSC 17/5 file

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