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The Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

There is submitted herewith the draft of a proposed bill "To provide for the administration of the Central Intelligence Agency, established pursuant to Section 102, National Security Act of 1947, and for other purposes."

The primary purpose of this legislation is to provide authorities necessary for the administration of the Central Intelligence Agency. The basic provisions cover the Agency's problems of procurement; travel, allowances and related expenses; general authorities; and appropriations language.

It is provided in Section 3 that certain provisions of the Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947 (Public Law 413, 80th Congress) be extended to the Agency. This is requested on the basis of difficulties which have been experienced in supplying the peculiar needs of an intelligence service.

Inasmuch as the Central Intelligence Agency is concerned with the coordination and production of foreign intelligence pertaining to the national security, there will be frequent need for overseas travel, occasional overseas assignment and, in certain cases, the establishment of overseas posts. In the light of our desire that employment in the Central Intelligence Agency be regarded as a career service, it is felt that the Agency has a problem similar to that faced by the Foreign Service in the assignment of personnel to duty abroad, and authorities similar to those granted in the Foreign Service Act of 1946 are necessary to the development of an intelligence career staff. (Section 5)

*Withdrawn at request of Civil  
Service Commission*

6(f) PROVIDED FURTHER, That the Agency shall be exempt from such portion of Section 4, c. 265 of the Act of March 4, 1923, as amended, 5 U.S.C.A. 664, as authorizes the Civil Service Commission to review and revise the allocation of positions in the Agency and which empowers the Civil Service Commission to render final approval upon such allocations. This provision shall in no way exempt the Agency from specific responsibility for the classification of its positions in the same manner as if the review and allocation provisions of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, were applicable to such positions, nor shall such position classifications be established at pay rates in excess of pay rates for positions in other government agencies of equivalent difficulty or responsibility.

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