

Office Memorandum

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TO : Legislative Liaison Officer  
FROM : Assistant Chief, Budget and Finance Branch  
SUBJECT: Questions regarding proposed CIA legislation

DATE: 21 December 1948

1. In confirmation of our telephone conversation of yesterday, it is desired to direct your attention to the following items regarding the proposed CIA Bill in order that pertinent related items may be given appropriate consideration by you:

a. In the appropriation portion of the language, the phrase "penalty mail" can be eliminated since Public Law 785 (80th Congress) amended Public Law 364 (79th Congress) to the extent that only reports to the Post Office Department are required on a quarterly basis and reimbursement is no longer necessary.

b. A review of the proposed language does not indicate that there is full coverage for the authority to hire temporary personnel or procure services which is provided for in Section 15 of Public Law 600 only if the Department or Agency concerned has affirmative language in an appropriation or other act. It does not appear to be desirable to require the procurement of such services from funds under the authority covered by Section 7(b) of the proposed Act since the major portion of such procurements would be of a routine nature. It is possible that this coverage is adequately provided under Section 7(a) - 2, however, it may be advisable for a further check to be made to ascertain that such language will adequately cover general authorizations such as that contained in Section 15 of Public Law 600.

c. It appears that it may be advisable to slightly revise Section 7(b) to eliminate the semicolon which appears immediately after the word "funds" and substitute the word "or" for the word "and".



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