

Joint Committee

21 September 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Special Subcommittee to Investigate National Intelligence Agencies

1. The Special Subcommittee to Investigate National Intelligence Agencies convened at ten o'clock on Friday, 16 September 1960, to continue the hearing. Present from the Subcommittee were: Paul J. Kilday, William G. Bray and Porter Hardy. Mr. Robert Smart and Frank Slatinshek were present from the staff. Mr. John S. Warner attended as an observer.

2. The Navy went on first with Admiral Lowrance, Director of ONI, presenting their information. The questions were directed to the specific details of the prior service of Mitchell and Martin in the Navy and the investigations. The general procedures were then developed by questioning. Admiral Lowrance, in answer to a question, stated that he had not seen any need for fundamental changes in their systems as a result of the defections. Admiral Frost had appeared by this time and he stated he would suggest that NSA be given the same exemption from various laws in the personnel field as CIA has and added that he thought NSA was more sensitive than CIA. Admiral Frost further discussed his concept of supervisory responsibilities in connection with the security of personnel in sensitive agencies. Frost further stated that as an objective he would certainly like to see NSA give final clearances, including the full background investigation, before any access to classified data. Frost also mentioned that an Official Secrets Act would be desirable.

3. The Air Force and Army were then questioned along the same general lines. As a matter of interest, the Navy investigative setup includes civilian personnel on a contract basis with grades ranging from GS-9 to GS-13. The Air Force pointed out that their investigative setup included an actual TO of personnel. This is

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25X1 broken down into [] officers and [] enlisted men with officer grades 25X1
ranging from Second Lieutenant through Colonel. There are also [] 25X1
civilians at grades ranging from GS-11 to GS-17. The Army investigative
setup which includes CIC totalled [] and is broken down into [] 25X125X1
25X1 officers, [] Warrant Officers, [] enlisted men. All were questioned 25X1
carefully on the precise evaluation procedures and on the turnover rate.
These and other points were made known to General Cabell and Mr.
25X1 [] in preparation for the CIA appearance. The hearing was
concluded at twelve o'clock.

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