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Memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence (Souers) to the
National Intelligence Authority

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~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY~~

SUBJECT: Proposed Tentative Organization of the Central Intelligence Group.

1. The President's letter of January 23, 1946, requires the assignment of necessary personnel and facilities from the Departments of State, War and the Navy in order to form a Central Intelligence Group.

2. An initial personnel authorization and an outline of organization should now be approved so that the Group may be activated and proceed with the pressing problems now confronting the National Intelligence Authority. The problems requiring earliest attention are:

a. The production of daily and weekly summaries of the most significant intelligence and operational information related to national security and foreign policy for the use of the President, the members of the National Intelligence Authority, and certain additional limited distribution.

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2. Conducting a survey of existing facilities for collecting foreign intelligence information, with a view to determining how these facilities may be better coordinated and improved.

3. The proposed organization is set forth in the enclosed directive which has been prepared for your approval. It provides the necessary tentative charter and sufficient personnel to activate the organization and begin operating.

4. It is recommended that the members of the National Intelligence Authority approve and sign the enclosed directive.

HENRY W. SOULES
Director

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