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CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF

PROCEDURE MEMORANDUM NO. 7

SUBJECT: Admiral Souers' Policy on Central Planning Staff

1. The following extract from a memorandum by Admiral Souers to the Acting Chief, Central Planning Staff, dated 4 March, is quoted for the information and guidance of all members of the Central Planning Staff:

"It is my feeling that, as a general rule, the Central Planning Staff should take the active leadership in arranging and conducting interdepartmental conferences, studies, or surveys which are designed to coordinate foreign intelligence activities related to the national security. A member of the Central Planning Staff should assume the role of Coordinator of such affairs and should participate in all meetings and other activities connected therewith."

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY
PROPOSED TENTATIVE ORGANIZATION
OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

Reference: N.I.A. 1

Report by the Director of Central Intelligence
with the concurrence of the Intelligence Advisory Board

1. The President's letter of January 22, 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.

b. 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.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

FUNCTIONS OF THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Reference: N.I.A. 4

Memorandum by the Secretary

1. The Secretaries of State, War and the Navy have approved Enclosure "A" to N.I.A. 4 without change.

2. Admiral Leahy objected to the use of the word "agent" in paragraph 3 of that Enclosure because its legal connotation might imply unwarranted freedom of the Director of Central Intelligence to act for the National Intelligence Authority. The Director of Central Intelligence concurred that the possibility of such an interpretation of that paragraph was undesirable, and explained that it was intended only to authorize him to act for the Authority in ensuring that its policies and objectives are properly implemented and executed. It was therefore agreed that this paragraph should be re-worded to make it clear that the Authority is not relinquishing its supervision and control, and to protect from unauthorized interference the rights of departmental intelligence agencies to collect, evaluate, correlate and disseminate departmental intelligence.

3. Enclosure "A" to N.I.A. 4 is therefore being circulated as N.I.A. Directive No. 4, with editorial revision of paragraph 3 thereof to read as follows;

"3. In addition to the functions specified in paragraph 3-b of the President's letter and in accordance with paragraph 4 of N.I.A. Directive No. 1, the Director of Central Intelligence is hereby authorized and directed to act for this Authority in coordinating all Federal foreign intelligence activities related to the national security to ensure that the over-all policies and objectives established by this Authority are properly implemented and executed."

JAMES S. LAY, JR.,

Secretary, N.I.A.

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