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February 26, 1947

CONFIDENTIAL: The following identical letters to the President of the Senate pro tempore and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the accompanying text of a proposed bill providing for a National Defense Establishment, MUST BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE until released.

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CHARLES G. ROSS
Secretary to the President

My dear _____

On January 17, 1947, I informed you that representatives of my office and of the armed services were engaged in drafting a bill to be submitted to the Congress for its consideration concerning a plan of unification. This draft, entitled "National Security Act of 1947", has now been completed and I am enclosing herewith a copy of it.

This proposed bill has the approval of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

It is my belief that this suggested legislation accomplishes the desired unification of the services and I heartily recommend its enactment by the Congress.

Very sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN

**A BILL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY AND
A CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States
of America in Congress assembled,

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DECLARATION OF POLICY

Accordingly, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the people

Sec. 1. (a) Findings and Declaration: —

of the United States that in order to strengthen the hand of the Government
in enacting this legislation, it is the intent of Congress to
in formulating national policies and conducting relations with other nations,
provide a comprehensive and continuous program which will effectively accom-
plish the national intelligence objectives of the United States by supplying the
President of the United States, the Secretaries of State, National Defense,
services of the Government be fully coordinated, and, when determined
by the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, and such other governmental officials
as shall be appropriate, with foreign intelligence of the highest possible
calibre. To accomplish these objectives, a central intelligence agency is
required by the United States. This agency shall insure the production of
the foreign intelligence necessary to enable the appropriate officials of the
Government to be informed fully in their dealings with other nations, and to
enable these officials to formulate national policies and plans which this
Government is to pursue in order to avert future armed conflicts and assure
the common defense and security of the United States. The accomplishment of
this service comprises the national intelligence objectives of the United States.

Experience preceding, during, and following two World Wars has
proven that the uncoordinated decentralization of the collection, research,
and dissemination of foreign intelligence information among many departments
and agencies of the Government is unsatisfactory. In an attempt to remedy this
situation in times of national crises, emergency means have repeatedly been
adopted. These experiences have shown the need for a permanent, centralized,
intelligence agency so that all the foreign intelligence sources and facilities
of the Government may be utilized to the fullest extent in the production of
foreign intelligence, and so that their greatest potentialities may be
realized most efficiently and economically, with a resultant elimination of
unproductive duplication and unnecessary overlapping of functions in the
accomplishment of the national intelligence objectives of the United States.