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MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY OF WAR

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

1. Reference is made to a memorandum of 12 August 1947, concerning the National Security Act of 1947 and steps to be taken by affected agencies to implement the law.

2. The Act provides that the National Intelligence Authority and the Central Intelligence Group shall cease to exist when the Director of Central Intelligence, specified in the Act, takes office. At that time, personnel, property and records of the Group are transferred to the Central Intelligence Agency [Section 102 (f)]. No action is contemplated to implement the law until the Director takes office.

3. Upon taking office, it is proposed that the Director recommend to the National Security Council that it continue in full force and effect all written directives and instructions of the National Intelligence Authority to the Director of Central Intelligence until such time as the Council shall see fit specifically to rescind, supplant or augment those directives.

The recommendation will also request the Council to authorize continuance of the Intelligence Advisory Board heretofore established by Executive Directive of 22 January 1946, but not provided for in the Act.

4. There have also been drafted procedures for the administration of the authority granted to the Director of Central Intelligence, by Section 102 (c) of the Act, to terminate employees. No other action is deemed necessary to implement the National Security Act of 1947 in so far as this agency is concerned.