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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP
DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLIGENCE ON USSR

Memorandum for the Intelligence Advisory Board by the
Director of Central Intelligence

1. By informal arrangement under the coordination of the C.I.G., MIS has sponsored the organization of a Planning Committee with representation of the CIG, ONI, ORI, A-2, and MIS, to formulate a plan to utilize the facilities of all interested Government agencies for the production of the highest possible quality of intelligence on Russia in the shortest possible time. It was agreed that C.I.G. would take over formal sponsorship of the project at the earliest possible moment, but that meanwhile active work on it would be started.

2. The Planning Committee has drawn up a plan for Development of Intelligence on USSR which has been approved informally by each of you. The plan provides that after such approval, formal action will be arranged for as deemed advisable by C.I.G.

3. Paragraph 3 of N.I.A. Directive No. 1 provides a procedure by which the necessary formal directive can be published and carried out by unanimous approval of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board, without action by the National Intelligence Authority.

4. A draft of a formal directive is enclosed. If all members of the Advisory Board concur in the draft without substantial change, a meeting will not be necessary. It is recommended that the draft be approved and that each member of the Advisory Board arrange for any additional implementation required by his department.

SIDNEY W. SOUERS
Director

Encl: Draft Directive _____

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Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence with the Unanimous Concurrence of the Intelligence Advisory Board

1. There is an urgent need to develop the highest possible quality of intelligence on the USSR in the shortest possible time. By informal agreement, a Planning Committee with representatives from ONI, ORI, A-2, and G-2 and a coordinator from C.I.G. has been formed, and has drawn up a plan to coordinate and improve the production of intelligence on the USSR. This plan has been approved informally by all members of the I.A.B. and is now in operation.

2. The purpose of this directive is to formalize the temporary agreement and permanently establish it as a project under the coordination of the C.I.G. The mission of the project is to develop and pool the appropriate resources of all agencies of the United States Government in order to insure the production of the highest possible quality of intelligence on the USSR and its peripheral areas in the minimum time.

3. A Planning Committee is established to devise ways and means for carrying out the mission. This Committee will consist of a coordinator, furnished by C.I.G., and of representatives of MIS, ONI, ORI, and A-2. The coordinator will act in a supervisory capacity. The Planning Committee will select a chairman and a secretary from among its representatives. The chairman of the Committee will consult the coordinator whenever necessary to secure assistance of the Central Intelligence Group on problems confronting the Committee. When appropriate, the coordinator will meet with the Committee.

4. a. A Working Committee is established to carry out the policies and plans prepared by the Planning Committee. It will be composed of one member from C.I.G., who will act as coordinator, and necessary personnel from ONI, ORI, MIS, and A-2. The secretary of the Planning Committee will be the chairman of the Working

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Committee. The coordinator will act in a supervisory capacity. The chairman of the Committee will consult the coordinator whenever necessary to secure assistance of the Central Intelligence Group on problems confronting the Committee. When appropriate, the coordinator will meet with the Committee.

b. The Working Committee will establish and coordinate a system to compile a digest of all types of factual strategic intelligence on the USSR. This digest shall be known as Strategic Intelligence Digest (SID). Facilities of the member agencies will be utilized to the maximum extent. The Committee will establish its own methods of operation.

g. Copies of SID will be distributed to member agencies only. Strategic Intelligence Estimates (SIE), based on the SID, will be prepared by member agencies individually and furnished to the C.I.G. when requested. Estimates prepared by C.I.G. will be based on the SIE.

d. MIS will provide office space and other necessary facilities for the Working Committee in the Pentagon Building.

5. Each member of the Intelligence Advisory Board will furnish the name of his representative on the Planning Committee to the Director of C.I.G. These representatives will be responsible for furnishing the lists of personnel authorized to work in or help the Working Committee.

6. a. The classification of this project shall be TOP SECRET. The greatest care will be taken to maintain the security of the existence of the operation.

b. Access to Government agencies other than those participating in the project will be arranged by C.I.G. Representation on the Working Committee from additional Government agencies will be approved first by the Planning Committee.

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