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Notes for the Files re ICAPS

1. I still assume that the IAC really want a "Standing Committee" to do their CIA work and will not readily abandon this idea. On this primary assumption was based the suggestion for re-vamping ICAPS. I doubt if the Dulles Report will change it.

2. Accordingly, I still think there is expensive redundancy and that ICAPS could get along with smaller personnel as mentioned in the Draft Memo of January 11. Others, however, think that the Standing Committee should be whittled down or even abolished and ICAPS kept dominantly strong. I hope the Director and the IAC will decide which way they wish to work it, and then we can either issue the draft memo of January 11 or again abandon this idea of streamlining ICAPS.

3. If the Dulles Report is to some extent put into effect, it will materially strengthen the IAC and put them into the working-substantive-intelligence field of national security intelligence. Then they would undoubtedly wish to set up not just a "Standing Committee" but probably a whole staff!

4. If the Dulles Report should be followed to the extent of giving ICAPS internal duties within CIA in addition to its external IAC duties, then ICAPS also would require a full staff! i.e., present compliment rather than a reduction as has been contemplated in recent months.

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