

MEMORANDUM  
 CONFIDENTIAL

JANUARY 18, 1962

(MCCONE)

WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAS DIRECTED JOHN A. MCCONE, AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND THE GOVERNMENT'S PRINCIPAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, TO MAINTAIN A CONSTANT REVIEW OF ALL U.S. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.

A MEMORANDUM SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT, OUTLINING WHAT HE EXPECTS OF THE CIA DIRECTOR, WAS MADE PUBLIC TODAY AS THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD A HEARING ON MCCONE'S APPOINTMENT TO SUCCEED ARTHUR BURNS AS CIA CHIEF.

NO MAJOR OPPOSITION WAS EXPECTED TO MCCONE'S CONFIRMATION, ALTHOUGH TWO ADVOCATES OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONGRESSIONAL WATCHDOG COMMITTEE OVER THE CIA USED THE HEARING AS A SOUNDING BOARD FOR THEIR VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEMO ASSIGNED MCCONE "OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY" FOR HIS AGENCY BUT STATED THAT THE PRESIDENT EXPECTS HIM TO DELEGATE AND SUPERVISE CERTAIN NON-ESSENTIAL DETAILS IN ORDER TO PERMIT HIM TO FOCUS HIS PRIMARY JOB AS THE NATION'S TOP INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY.

SPECIFICALLY THE PRESIDENT NOTED "WITH APPROVAL" MCCONE'S DESIGNATION OF HIS PRINCIPAL DEPUTY AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD OVER WHICH MCCONE, AS CIA DIRECTOR, ALSO PRESIDES.

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ADD 1 MCCONE, WASHINGTON (UPI-55)

IN INSTRUCTING MCCONE TO MAINTAIN A CONTINUING REVIEW OF FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OF ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, THE PRESIDENT SAID THE ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN "WITH A VIEW OF ASSURING EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS AND TO AVOIDING UNDESIRABLE DUPLICATION."

IN CARRYING OUT YOUR NEWLY-ASSIGNED DUTIES AS DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, IT IS MY WISH THAT YOU UNDERTAKE, AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, THE COORDINATION AND EFFECTIVE GUIDANCE OF THE TOTAL UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE EFFORT. THIS IS THE WAY TO BECOME SAID.