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Office Memorandum

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TO : Acting Chief, Central Planning Staff  
FROM : Acting Chief, Security Branch, Central Planning Staff  
SUBJECT: Comments Pertaining to Tentative Organization Chart of the Central Intelligence Group

DATE: 10 July 1946

1. In accordance with your oral instructions this date to submit comments regarding the tentative organization chart of the Central Intelligence Group, the following is submitted in order to substantiate a recommendation that an Executive for Counter Intelligence be provided directly under the Executive Director of the Central Intelligence Group.

2. a. It would appear, from analysis of the tentative organization chart of the Central Intelligence Group, that only limited provision has been made for a staff element which could centrally direct, coordinate, and supervise all foreign counterintelligence activities and the internal security control measures relative to the safeguarding of information, personnel, equipment and installations of the departments and agencies of the Federal Government. This partial provision is made by the indication of a "Security Branch" placed under the Office of Collection.

b. The critical importance of counterintelligence as an intelligence function may best be emphasized by its definition which follows:

"The term 'counterintelligence' pertains to that aspect of intelligence activity relating to all security control measures, both active and passive, designed to insure the safeguarding of information, personnel, equipment and installations against the espionage, sabotage, or subversive activities of foreign powers and of disaffected or dissident, indigenous groups or individuals."

Counterintelligence, therefore, encompasses such expressions as counter-espionage, counter-sabotage, counter-subversion, and security.

c. The necessity for the existence of a strong, centralized inter-departmental or inter-ministerial counterintelligence machinery is fully recognized by the most efficient and effective foreign intelligence services, particularly the Russian and British. No such centralized structure to direct our foreign counterintelligence activities and supervise the implementation of coordinated internal security control policies and procedures of the departments and agencies of the Federal Government is presently existent. This fact is treated in detail by Enclosure "B" (Discussion) of the memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence, subject: "Program for the Central Direction, Coordination and Supervision of Counterintelligence Activities and Procedures Related to the National Security" which was transmitted by the Central Planning Staff D/F, same subject, to the Director of Central Intelligence, dated 8 July 1946.

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d. Attention is invited to the fact that the lack of a group in G-2 of the War Department, during the war, which was charged with the formulation and promulgation of War Department counterintelligence policies and procedures and with the supervision of their implementation within the War Department establishment was recently rectified by the re-establishment of the Security Group directly under the Director of Intelligence of the War Department General Staff.

3. In consideration of the above, it is recommended that an Executive for Counter Intelligence be provided, under the Executive Director of the Central Intelligence Group, who would be charged with the following functions:

a. Coordinate and supervise the plans and operations of the several departments and agencies of the Federal Government pertaining to their legally authorized foreign counterintelligence activities, to include the plans and operations of any central counterintelligence operating service which may have been, or may in the future be, established.

b. Plan, formulate and supervise the implementation of coordinated internal security control policies and procedures pertaining to the safeguarding of information, personnel, equipment and installations of the Federal Governmental departments and agencies, to include C.I.G. itself.

c. Coordinate censorship planning by the interested governmental departments and agencies to be implemented in the event of future emergency or state of war.

d. In consultation with the Assistant Director, Office of Collection, formulate and supervise the implementation of coordinated federal foreign counterintelligence information collection policies and procedures and analyze the counterintelligence content of the NEEI.

e. In consultation with the Assistant Director, Office of Research and Evaluation, formulate and supervise the implementation of coordinated federal policies and procedures pertaining to research in and evaluation of counterintelligence intelligence and review the counterintelligence aspects of the NEEI.

f. In consultation with the Assistant Director, Office of Dissemination, plan and supervise the dissemination of federal counterintelligence intelligence.

g. Coordinate matters relative to Federal departmental or agency counterintelligence technical services concerned with secret means of communication, sabotage materials and techniques, radio direction finding equipment and techniques and similar subjects.

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