

Total number of Security Studies completed
January to June 15..... 54

Progress and accomplishment of the Security Branch has been delayed by a variety of difficulties, including the following:

- a. Uncertainty of organizational status.
- b. Absence of authorization and approval to engage in planning functions for Censorship and counterintelligence programs.
- c. Approval of T/Os has been tentative, pending decisions relative to organizational placement and functions.
- d. Need for authoritative approval and delineation of exact responsibilities.
- e. Divided responsibilities for CIG security functions in OCD, P & A Branch, and OSO.

Pending at the present time, for activation on or about 1 July, is a plan of organization which contemplates the incorporation of the present Security Branch into a Staff element of CIG under the Executive Director. This plan should do much to clarify the responsibilities, authorities and functions and should resolve some if not all of the difficulties mentioned above.

As a matter of practical operation, the Security Branch, as currently constituted, has been functioning as a consulting or advisory office on such matters relating to security and the safeguarding of information as have ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ been presented to the various Offices and component units of CIG and on which these Offices and units seek guidance or decisions.

Repeated consideration has been given to the question of what the function of the Central Intelligence Group should ^{be} in the field of counterintelligence coordination. Guidance is desired from the Director of Central Intelligence as to the extent of participation in planning and implementation of a program in this field that he wishes or expects from the Security Branch.

It is felt that a need exists for broad national policies to govern the coordination of counterintelligence activities and procedures related to national security.

A survey initiated prior to June 1946 by the Central Planning Staff and conducted by the ^{then} Security Branch of CIG disclosed that a comprehensive national program providing for the central direction, coordination and supervision of our foreign counterintelligence activities and of the internal security control procedures of the departments and agencies of the Federal Government which relate to national security did not exist.

It is believed that the Central Intelligence Group is the logical and appropriate agency of the Federal Government to assume active responsibility for centralized coordination with reference to CI matters relating to national security.

Planning studies and recommendations have been previously submitted and have been held in abeyance by higher authority. Authority and responsibility to discharge this function has never been es-