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Director of Central Intelligence  
Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates  
Coverage of International Communism

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REFERENCE: Interim Report of the Interdepartmental Ad Hoc Committee  
Project dated 7 December 1948.

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1. There is transmitted herewith the interim report of the Interdepartmental Ad Hoc Committee, set up on ORE initiative to make recommendations concerning the intelligence coverage of the international Communist movement. The report states inter alia that (a) there is not at present complete intelligence coverage of the international Communist movement in any U. S. Government agency; (b) there is no clear-cut delineation of responsibility for the production of intelligence on international Communism among the several Government intelligence agencies; and (c) there is insufficient coordination and contact on the working level between Government intelligence agencies dealing with Communism. The report requests that the various agencies concur in its findings and recommendations and recommends that the intelligence agencies undertake a coordinated program of intelligence research on the Communist movement, and that, as a necessary preliminary, the agencies come to an agreement as to the specific fields of intelligence concerning the Communist movement in which they are willing to assume primary responsibility.

2. In order to meet the responsibilities of CIA, ORE has planned to establish an International Communism Group and has allocated six professional positions in the grades of P-3 to P-7 in the Eastern Europe/USSR Branch and one professional position in each of the other regional branches to coordinate the study of the international Communist movement. Three persons suitable for this activity are on duty at present in the Eastern Europe/USSR Branch and two others have been selected and are awaiting security clearance.

3. It is planned that the ORE Intelligence Production Board (augmented by representatives of OIR, FBI, OSO, and the International Communism Group, ORE, and other IAC Agencies whenever matters pertaining to their interests are under consideration) will function in an advisory capacity to the Assistant Director, ORE.

A copy of the detailed plan for the International Communism Group is attached.

4. It is planned that ORE will act as coordinator for the recommended research program on the subject of international Communism. ORE will assume

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primary responsibility for the production of all national intelligence concerning international Communism. Insofar as this category overlaps with the political, sociological, and cultural aspects of the Communist movement, it will coordinate its production with that of OIR/State Department in order to avoid duplication. It is presumed that the armed forces will desire to retain primary responsibility for the production of intelligence relating to certain aspects of Communism, but it is not believed likely that there will be any serious clash of interests in these fields.

5. In order that the question of a detailed delineation of responsibility for research on specific aspects of international Communism may be settled, it is recommended that (a) the Director convene a joint meeting of the IAC Standing Committee and the [REDACTED] Committee to prepare a delineation agreement for consideration by the IAC. (A draft of a proposed letter to the IAC agencies is attached); (b) the ORE plan for handling the CIA responsibilities concerning international Communism be approved; (c) the Director address a letter to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, substantially in accordance with the attached draft. It is believed that FBI advice and cooperation in the study of Communism will be of considerable assistance to the IAC research program.

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## Attachments (4)

- (a) Interdepartmental Ad Hoc Committee [REDACTED] Project Interim Report.
- (b) Plan for Intelligence Treatment of International Communism by CIA.
- (c) Memorandum for Members of the IAC.
- (d) Letter to Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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