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### PROBLEM

To determine the scope, length, and responsibility for drafting of a Progress Report on NSC 50 and NSCID's 1-15.

### FACTS

1. The last previous report on NSC 50 was submitted by DCI on 23 April 1952, covering the calendar year 1951. While there has been no specific requirement expressed by NSC for a similar report on calendar 1952, it is reasonable to assume that one would be desired.

2. The previous report dealt specifically with NSC 50 by name. It did not mention the NSCID's by name, but did deal broadly with matters falling under them. It was approximately 4 single-spaced pages in length and covered the following general categories of events: (1) organizational changes (carrying out of NSC 50, estimates program, formation of the EIC, etc.); (2) specific CIA programs pursuant to NSC direction (NSC 26/5, 36/1, 66/1, and 10/5); (3) unsolved problems (the relationship between intelligence and planning, security, etc.); (4) progress on covert intelligence collection and its relationship to other operations; (5) a concluding general statement on the capabilities of the intelligence community to answer the ultimate questions for which it was responsible.

3. The responsibility for this report was scattered. The first draft was done by Mr. [REDACTED], as DDCI, on the basis of lengthy contributions by all offices. This was re-written and shortened by Mr. [REDACTED], and finally still further drastically shortened by DCI himself with Mrs. [REDACTED] assistance.

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4. Since this report, CIA has submitted to NSC a coordinated IAC report on the progress of all intelligence programs, for NSC 135, and has also submitted individual progress reports on NSC 66/1, 86/1, and 123 (adopted in 1952). (State has responsibility under NSC 26/5, while 10/5 was covered by a limited-distribution contribution to the NSC 135 operation.) The NSC secretariat has indicated that it will request a general semi-annual updating of NSC 135, covering the period July-December 1952. In the normal

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course, there should also be progress reports on the individual CIA projects for NSC, spaced according to need; none is now pressing from this standpoint, either because recently submitted (86/1 and 123) or because still in embryo (66/1).

#### DISCUSSION

5. For efficient handling, there should be above all an early determination of length and scope. If the report is to be similar to last year's, there would be no need of lengthy office contributions, and the paper could be drafted and then sent around to offices for comment and addition. I attach a list of possible topics for such a report. If, on the other hand, it is felt that a longer report is wanted -- along the lines desired by Mr. ██████████ last year -- then a more elaborate procedure will be necessary. It should also be ascertained whether the report will stick to CIA and leave the rest of the intelligence community to be covered by the NSC 135 report. 25X1A9a

6. Once these are determined, responsibility should be fixed in a single individual or pair of individuals, in my judgment. The obvious candidates are the Reber-██████████ teams. ██████████ experience with the last report and her experience with the ██████████ progress reports would make her an almost essential participant. While we don't need to cross this bridge in toto now, it is my strong feeling that the preparation of all NSC reports by CIA should be placed in the hands of the NSC staff team, even to the point of having initial drafts done by them, on the basis of information by -- and with prior clearance from -- the staff office responsible. This would not apply to the NSC 135 job, which involves contact with the IAC agencies on a scale and level appropriate to Mr. Reber's job. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a 25X1A2g

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) That DCI be asked to indicate the desired length and scope of this report, and to designate DD/I as responsible for its preparation. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a
- (b) That preparation be entrusted to ██████████
- (c) That DCI or DD/I give a preliminary judgment at this time on the attached detailed list of topics that might be covered.

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LIST OF TOPICS FOR NSC 50 PROGRESS REPORT

- I. Organizational Changes during 1952.
  - a. Reorganization of the DD/P shop. (This might be covered under III or IV below.)
  - b. Creation of the [REDACTED] offices. 25X1A6a
  - c. Creation of the DD/I office and transfer of OO.
  - d. Progress of Estimates program and efforts to serve NSC better and in more timely fashion. (This was mentioned in the last report as one of the unsolved problems.) Also advance programming of estimates.
  - e. Progress of SIC.
  - f. Firming of [REDACTED] ties. 25X1A5a1
  - g. Creation of SEC. (Include the SIB-5 experience?)
  - h. Brownell Committee and implementation of its report. USCIB status.
  - i. Watch Committee and current intelligence activities.
  - j. Inauguration of Career Service Program.
  - k. Creation of Inspector General.
- II. Specific CIA Programs for NSC. This would cover very briefly 26/5, 86/1, 66/1, 10/5, and 123, chiefly to show their place in CIA activities and to again make the point, if desired, that they don't really contribute to the primary intelligence function.
- III. Unsolved Problems.
  - a. Intelligence and planning. The vulnerability study experience as a case in point. Perhaps specific mention of the need for better liaison with the JCS. Need for continuing improvement in NSC contacts.
  - b. Security (whatever still needs saying -- no car complete without one). Query on reference to the Jarvinen case.

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- c. The conflict between CIA's intelligence and operational responsibilities. This was in the last report. I doubt if DCI's feelings are any less strong as a result of events of the past few months. Query on specific references.
- d. The Brownell issues and future problems under the solution.
- e. Coordination of external research, for CIA and for the community.

IV. Progress on covert collection activities.

Same as last year.

V. Summary.

Same as last year.

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