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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Intelligence Estimate of Soviet Intentions

REFERENCES: NSC 159/4
NSC Action No. 1010-b

Pursuant to NSC Action No. 1010-b, consideration of revisions of NSC 159/4 on "continental defense" is now tentatively scheduled for the first National Security Council meeting in March.

One of the important elements of this report is the estimate of Soviet intentions contained in paragraph 8 of NSC 159/4. As now written this estimate applies only to "the period covered by current estimates (through mid-1955)". Yet many of the most important continental defense programs are not now planned to reach a state of readiness until 1957 or beyond.

Therefore, as a basis for reconsidering NSC 159/4 it is requested that a coordinated Intelligence Estimate of Soviet intentions, at least through 1957, be prepared before March 1, 1954.

/s/ James S. Lay, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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