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8 March 1951

Chief, Communications Division

President's Communications Policy Board Final Report

1. Attached proposed letter to the Bureau of the Budget is in response to that Agency's request for comment on the Final Report of the President's Communications Policy Board. The major recommendation in the report is the establishment of a President's Telecommunications Advisory Board as essential to provide forceful direction in the field of telecommunications policy.

2. The proposed letter contains general comments on this major recommendation of the Board with respect to the requirement for the establishment of a top-level Telecommunications Policy Board, its functions, composition and status within the executive framework of the Government.

3. The President's Communications Policy Board was active for 15 months, finishing its work on 17 February 1951. During that period representatives of the CIA worked with the Board staff in the formulation of the final report now being commented on.



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Washington, D. C.

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The functions of the proposed Telecommunications Advisory Board appear adequate as outlined and, properly implemented, should result in a distinct improvement to the national telecommunications structure.

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