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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Action Memorandum No. A-409

Date 20 July 1964

TO : Director/National Intelligence Programs Evaluation

SUBJECT : Audiosurveillance and Countermeasures Problems

REFERENCE: Within the Intelligence Community

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Per conversations with Messrs. Bross, Parrott and Elder on 17 July 1964, the attached memorandum from McGeorge Bundy is referred to D/NIPE for preparation of the requested report. Since the deadline of 20 July already is upon us, would you please request an extension and let this office know the new deadline?

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WASHINGTON

June 26, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN,
United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Audiosurveillance and Countermeasures Problems
Within the Intelligence Community

REFERENCE: Memorandum of the Acting Director of Central
Intelligence, March 12, 1964
Memorandum of the Executive Secretary, Department
of State, April 15, 1964
Memorandum of the Deputy Secretary of Defense,
April 20, 1964
Memorandum of the Administrative Assistant to the
Attorney General, May 22, 1962

The reference memoranda, above, were submitted on the subject of National Security Action Memorandum 170 of July 6, 1962 following my memorandum of October 7, 1963, requesting consultation with the agencies concerned and the submission of a report setting forth views and comments on the subject matter of Presidentially-approved recommendations which had been made by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board on June 26, 1962 with respect to audiosurveillance intelligence collection and countermeasures. It is noted that these submissions include uncoordinated, and in significant instances, conflicting views concerning the organization and orientation of actions considered appropriate for attacking the problems involved.

Meanwhile, in response to my memorandum of May 14, 1964, there has been issued by the U. S. Intelligence Board's Security Committee a preliminary assessment of the recently-discovered, extensive audiosurveillance penetration of our Embassy in Moscow, and it is understood that the preparation of a final report by the U. S. Intelligence Board remains to be completed.

In view of the national security implications of positive and defensive aspects of the over-all audiosurveillance subject, and the relevance of the Moscow penetration, I would appreciate

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your taking steps to obtain the preparation and submission of a U. S. Intelligence Board-coordinated report reflecting the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the intelligence community on all significant phases of the matter (including the final assessment by the U. S. Intelligence Board of the Moscow penetration development). I would also like to have coordinated proposals for specific actions to achieve, in line with the objectives of recommendations made by the President's Board. the most effective possible organization, management and coordination of the intelligence community's resources and capabilities for research and development, and operational application of audiosurveillance collection and countermeasures techniques.

It is requested that your report be furnished to this office and to the President's Board by July 20, 1964.



McGeorge Bundy

cc: The President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board

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