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WATCH COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

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2. It was agreed by the IAC at the meeting on 21 December that any issues for discussion should be raised at the next meeting of the IAC on 28 December.

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SUBJECT: Watch Committee Terms of Reference

REFERENCES: a. IAC Meeting Minutes, 7 December 50  
b. DDM-270  
c. JICM-1113  
d. JIC 202nd Meeting Minutes, 9 August 50

1. The Intelligence Advisory Committee on 7 December 1950 "agreed that there should be a single Watch Committee in the Government properly operated with the full participation of the IAC members." It was further agreed that this Committee should be the one currently operating as the Joint Intelligence Indications Committee (JIIC). Lieutenant General W. B. Smith, the DCI, requested Major General Alexander R. Bolling, G-2, to distribute to the member agencies the terms of reference under which the JIIC is operating and arrange for such modification as may be necessary to provide the U. S. Government with the service required. This memorandum is in compliance with General Smith's request.

2. The Joint Intelligence Indications Committee, which the IAC has directed to continue functioning as the Watch Committee, has evolved into its present organization and procedure over a period of nearly two years. As a result of this evolutionary process, neither the original G-2 memorandum of 2 May 1949, which established the Intelligence Indications File Committee, nor the JIC memorandum 1132 (10 August 50), directing its conversion into the Joint Intelligence Indications Committee, contains terms of reference which fully reflect the current representation in the JIIC or its manner of operating. The mission of the Committee has always clearly been to collect, evaluate, analyze and report information relating to activities which indicated Soviet-Communist intentions of hostile action, but the Committee in carrying out this mission has established its own procedures, changing them as necessary to conform to the wishes of the participating agencies. In consequence, the terms of reference for the JIIC set forth below describe the Committee as it currently exists and operates, with such changes as may be necessary to bring the functioning of the Committee in line with the IAC decision of 7 December.

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3. It is recommended:

a. That the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army, request the JIC to rescind their action in their meeting on 8 August 1950, relating to the Joint Intelligence Indications Committee, as set forth in JICM-1132, in order that (1) the name of the Committee may be changed to the Watch Committee, in accordance with the indicated intention of the IAC in the meeting on 7 December, and (2) representation on the Committee by the Department of State, CIA, the FBI, and the AEC shall not give rise in the future to possible technicalities as to the full membership of those agencies in a committee established by the JIC.

b. That the terms of reference of the Watch Committee, authorized by the IAC in its meeting of 7 December 1950, be as follows:

- (1) Name - Watch Committee
- (2) Mission - To collect, evaluate, analyze, and report indications of Soviet-Communist intentions of hostile action.
- (3) Membership - All agencies represented in IAC
- (4) Representation of Members - As many individuals, properly cleared, as each agency considers necessary for adequate analysis of the indications under consideration. Each agency, however, shall file with the Chairman of the Committee the name of its representative to whom all matters relating to the Committee are to be addressed.
- (5) Chairman - The JIIC on 18 August 1950 agreed that the Chief, Intelligence Division, G-2, Department of the Army, would serve as Chairman of the Committee, and that in his absence, the senior Army member would preside. This arrangement to be continued until circumstances arise which necessitate a change by the Committee. It will be the duty of the Chairman to call regular and special meetings, to preside at the meetings, to supervise the preparation and distribution of reports, and in general to ensure that the Committee functions effectively.

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- (6) Secretary - To be designated by the Chairman.
- (7) Meetings - Regularly, as determined by the Committee, and on special occasions, when requested by one or more members. Currently, meetings are held every Wednesday at 1000 hours in Room 2C 475 Pentagon Building. The time and place are subject to change by the Committee.
- (8) Reports - Reports of Indications of Soviet-Communist Intentions of Hostile Action will be promptly drafted by the Secretary after each meeting and reproduced and distributed by G-2 as soon as possible after each agency has concurred in or recommended changes in the draft. In the event of differences of opinion which cannot be readily resolved the opposing views will be included in the report. Conclusions of the Watch Committee which appear urgent will be communicated orally at once by members to the heads of their respective agencies.
- (9) Procedure for collecting indications - Representatives of the member agencies will come to meetings prepared to present, evaluate, analyze, and interpret indications which they consider may be significant. It is requested, where possible, that information relating to indications be communicated to the Secretary no later than 1600 hours the day before regularly scheduled meetings in order that the indications may be reproduced in multiple copies for distribution at the meeting. Each member agency is urged to impress upon its field collection units the importance of prompt reporting of all information relating to indications of hostile Soviet-Communist intentions.

4. Your concurrence or recommendation for change in the recommendations in paragraph 3 above are requested. Pending their receipt, the JIIC will continue to function in accordance with established procedures.

/s/ A. R. Bolling  
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Major General, GSC  
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