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HEADS INVESTIGATION: Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who is charged with investigating operations of Central Intelligence Agency.

DOOLITTLE HEADS INQUIRY INTO C.I.A.

His Investigation Is Second Under Way on Intelligence —Clark Directs the Other

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Two extensive investigations of the Government's intelligence activities are now in progress in Washington and elsewhere.

One of them, which never has been announced publicly, is headed by Lieut. Gen. James H. Doolittle, U. S. A. F. (retired). General Doolittle's group is charged with investigating the secret operations of the Central Intelligence Agency, and was authorized by the White House.

The second investigation, already announced, is that of the Hoover Commission Task Force on Intelligence Activities, which is headed by Gen. Mark W. Clark, U. S. A. (retired), which was authorized by Congress and appointed in cooperation with Executive authority. The Hoover Commission group will have its first meetings in Washington on Monday.

The exact scope of the Doolittle investigation and the reasons for the establishment of this group when the Hoover Commission was preparing to undertake a comprehensive survey of all intelligence activities were veiled in secrecy yesterday. General Doolittle, who is vice president of the Shell Oil Company, referred questions to the White House, and Allen W. Dulles, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, would make no comment.

General Doolittle has two or three men, whose names have not been made public, working with him, and his investigation has been under way for some weeks. None of its results are known, and probably none ever will be announced.

Some reports linked the group

with the arrest of Joseph S. Petersen Jr., discharged employe of the Government's ultra-secret communications intelligence unit, the National Security Agency, with the Doolittle investigation, but there was absolutely no substantiation of this and some informed quarters denied there was any connection.

Speculation on Scope

Other sources indicated that some secret ventures in the intelligence field that "went wrong" or in which funds were wasted, including the preclusive purchase of tungsten ore and the charter of shipping, were among the activities under investigation.

Most authoritative sources, however, believed that General Doolittle and his group were making a broad survey of all the secret operations of the Central Intelligence Agency in order to measure them against a yardstick of adequacy and effectiveness.

There was no indication yesterday how the two current inquiries would fit together. The Hoover Commission task forces are interested primarily in Government organization. But these groups have found in the past that it is impossible to recommend improved organization without studying the functions and activities of the agency concerned.

General Clark, who is president of The Citadel, a military college in Charleston, S. C., said his task force would study not only the C.I.A. but also intelligence activities of the Government.

These would include Army, Navy and Air Force intelligence units, the National Security Agency, a unified armed forces agency that monitors and when possible breaks foreign codes; and perhaps the counter-espionage agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The exact scope of the investigation will be determined, it was said, at the first meeting of the full committee Monday. Other members of the committee, in addition to General Clark, are Edward V. Rickenbacker, chairman of the board, Eastern Air Lines; Admiral Richard L. Conolly, U.S.N. (retired), president of Long Island University; Donald Russell, president of the University of South Carolina, and Ernest Frederick Hollings, Lieutenant Governor-elect of South Carolina.

Maj. Gen. James G. Christian-

sen, U.S.A. (retired), is the staff director for the group and heads about a dozen staff specialists, who will do much of the investigative spadework for the task force.

A preliminary report to Congress probably will be made in January, but the committee does not expect to complete its investigation until some time in 1955. Final reports may have to be completed before May 3, when the present legislative charter of the (Hoover) Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government expires.

Reasons of Inquiry Discussed

There was some feeling among intelligence circles yesterday that the two investigations represented some duplication and overlapping, and that some friction had developed, or might develop. This was said to be partly because one investigation, that of General Clark, stemmed from legislative, or Congressional, authorization, whereas the other—that of General Doolittle—represented the executive branch of Government.

In any case informed circles agreed that the investigations probably meant that both Congress and the Executive Department were determined to improve the Government's intelligence operations and evaluations.

Experts believe much progress has been made in the development of global intelligence services but some "leaks" and failures—some of which are inevitable in any intelligence service—and recent events have caused some anxiety.

These include the arrest of Mr. Petersen, who handled what was known in World War II as "Magic"—the information gathered by breaking the codes of foreign nations; the defection to the Communists of Dr. Otto John, head of Western Germany's secret service; the earlier but possibly not related defections of the British diplomats, Guy F. De Mone Burgess and Donald D. MacLean; the case of British atomic physicist, Dr. Klaus Fuchs, now in prison as a traitor; and the amazing network of intrigue, espionage and counter-espionage recently revealed in high places in the French Government.

Some experts believe that all these events are somehow inter-related. There have been, moreover, some sharp recent criticisms of overlapping, duplicating and uncoordinated activities of various United States sponsored intelligence agencies in Germany.

For all these reasons the two investigations now in progress are likely to be conducted with considerable care, and intelligence specialists are awaiting their results with much interest.

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