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MEMORANDUM FOR: Representatives on NSC Special Committee on  
Technical Surveillance Countermeasures

FROM : E. Tomlin Bailey  
Chairman

SUBJECT : Reporting Responsibilities Established at  
Committee Meeting of February 6, 1957

At its meeting of February 6, 1957, the National Security Council Special Committee on Technical Surveillance Countermeasures decided that each department or agency represented should prepare a written report on its experience with certain matters for which the Committee has responsibilities under the Directive by which it had been established. These matters constituted questions raised by several parts of Section 4 of the Directive.

I. Under Section 4, b, (1), the following questions were proposed to each department or agency represented:

1. What technical countermeasure equipment does your department or agency presently use?
2. What security indoctrination (both technical and non-technical) are you providing your employees in respect to technical surveillance matters?
3. What technical devices or types of devices have you discovered, or have reason to believe may be in use against us?
4. Do you consider your countermeasure equipment and techniques adequate?
5. What recommendations do you have for improvement of countermeasure equipment and search techniques?
6. What research or development projects do you have in process to effect these improvements?

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II. Under Section 4, b, (2), the following questions were propounded to each department or agency:

1. What procedures have been put into effect to assure that the head of your department or agency will be promptly advised of discoveries of devices?
2. Have you any recommendations for procedures that might provide more prompt notification of such discoveries?
3. Have you established any procedure or policy in respect to the exploitation of discoveries?
4. Have you any recommendations for better exploitation of discoveries?

III. Under Section 4, b, (3), the following questions were propounded:

1. Does your notification system include provision for adequate damage reports?
2. What discoveries have you made that have not yet been reported to the Committee in writing?

IV. Under Section 4, d, the following questions were propounded to each department or agency represented:

1. To what extent is your department or agency disclosing information on discoveries or countermeasures to foreign governments or to international organizations?
2. What is the classification of such information as is being disclosed, to which governments or organizations is it going, and on what basis is it supplied?
3. Is there centralized control within your department or agency over the disclosure of such information?
4. What commitments do you have with foreign governments or international organizations regarding such information?
5. What technical countermeasure surveys or services have you supplied foreign governments or international organizations?

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Reports, covering each of these questions, should be submitted to this Committee Secretariat as soon as possible, since a summary of the reports is to be prepared and sent to each representative prior to the meeting of March 6, 1957. The Committee decided that these questions should be in the hands of the Secretariat within three weeks after the meeting of February 6, 1957.

It was decided that information should go back as far as 1949 and be expressed in layman's language in so far as possible.

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