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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 31, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Establishment of International Economic
Intelligence Requirements Subcommittee of NSCIC

The Chairman of the National Security Council Intelligence Committee is in agreement with your proposal to reactivate a group to provide consumer guidance to the Intelligence Community on international economic intelligence requirements.

This group should be constituted as a subcommittee of the NSCIC and should include senior-level representatives of departments and agencies concerned with foreign economic policy making. Mr. Robert Hormats will be the NSC representative.

Dr. Kissinger agrees that it would be appropriate to have the Treasury representative serve as the Chairman of this subcommittee.

Richard Ober
Richard Ober
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
Intelligence Committee

NSS Review Completed.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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September 26, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM : Richard Oberly

SUBJECT: Reactivation of International Economic
Intelligence Requirements Body

DCI Colby seeks your approval, as Chairman of NSCIC, to send a letter to Secretary Simon reactivating the Requirements Advisory Board (RAB) for international economic intelligence. The DCI's letter (Tab A) would:

- reactivate the RAB as a senior level body providing guidance on consumer needs for international economic intelligence,
- appoint as Chairman the Treasury representative, (apparently to be Charles A. Cooper),
- authorize the DCI to contact, for nominations to membership on RAB, the heads of the other Departments and Agencies "in foreign economic policy making".

Background

The RAB was established in February 1973, under the auspices of Secretary Schultz as Chairman of the Council on Economic Policy. At its only meeting in May 1973, under the Chairmanship of Kenneth Dam, it approved requirements on France and the Middle East.

In July 1974, the DCI mentioned to Secretary Simon that the RAB should be reactivated; at that time, Secretary Simon agreed that Charles A. Cooper would be Chairman of RAB and that the membership initially would include senior officers from Agriculture, CEA, CIA, CIEP, Commerce, Export-Import Bank, State, STR and Treasury.

NSC should also be a member

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Comments

- Reactivation of a body for international economic requirements is desirable.
- The requirements body should be clearly subordinate to NSCIC to avoid the impression of a consumer body parallel to NSCIC, and perhaps competitive with it. In recent discussions, the DCI has agreed that the requirements body should be a subcommittee of NSCIC.
- Although he favors Treasury chairmanship of the requirements body, the DCI defers to you on State Department chairmanship as an alternative.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- you agree to reactivation of an international economic intelligence requirements body as a subcommittee of NSCIC.

Approve

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Disapprove

Other

NSC should be represented

- you designate chairmanship of the body by

State

Treasury

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Other

Concurrence:

Mr. Hormats

RH by BO.

Mr. Kennedy

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Attachment:

Tab A: Draft Letter from DCI to Secretary Simon

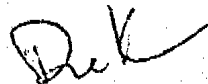
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September 26, 1974

TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

Per our discussion. The issue is whether State or Treasury chair this NSCIC subcommittee.



Richard Ober

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

13 August 1974

The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Henry:

With your approval as Chairman of
NSCIC, I will sign and dispatch the attached.
It is designed to activate this aspect of the
economic intelligence efforts of NSCIC.

Sincerely,


W. E. Colby
Director

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

The Honorable William E. Simon
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Bill:

As we have discussed, I agree that we should reactivate the Requirements Advisory Board (RAB) for international economic intelligence. I have discussed this matter with Dr. Kissinger, as Chairman of the National Security Council Intelligence Committee, and he is in agreement. The purpose in reactivating this Board is to ensure that the intelligence collection agencies receive guidance from a senior level rather than, as has sometimes been the case in the past, solely from analysts and other specialized consumers. I see the RAB as a useful and necessary supplement to the informal networks of contact between consumers and producers of intelligence.

Given the particular focus of my Key Intelligence Questions for this year and the fact that the Treasury Department is a member of the United States Intelligence Board, I think it would be appropriate if the Treasury representative to the RAB were to serve as Chairman. I understand that your nominee as the Treasury representative will be the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, Charles A. Cooper. I also think it would be appropriate if my nominee to the Board, the National Intelligence Officer for Economics, Robert L. Slighton, were to serve as the Executive Secretary.

If these appointments are agreeable to you, I have Dr. Kissinger's approval to make them as Deputy Chairman of NSCIC. I will then be in touch with the heads of the other Departments and Agencies in foreign economic policy-making to request their nomination of senior-level representatives to the Board.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby

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