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INDEX OF U.S. RESIDENTS' FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION

Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence

1. During the war the Armed Forces and various agencies of the government obtained valuable information about the enemy from persons, files and business records in the United States. Due to the fact that the sources and nature of this information had not been previously cataloged, the search for it was without direction and coordination and resulted in concomitant duplication and waste of time and manpower.

2. A representative of the Department of State has suggested informally to the Central Intelligence Group that a central index of the foreign intelligence information available in the United States from other than government sources, be established. This matter falls under the provisions of paragraph 4b, N.I.A. Directive No. 2.

3. An informal survey by the Information Branch, Central Planning Staff of the views of the government agencies concerned confirms the desirability of coordinating the collection of this type of information and establishing a system for cataloging the results.

4. The Central Planning Staff will conduct a survey of this problem to include consideration of the following:

a. Types of foreign intelligence information now regularly collected by Federal agencies from individuals, colleges, foundations, libraries, business concerns, etc. in the United States.

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b. Suitability of the information collected as indicated in 4a, above for intelligence purposes connected with the national security.

c. Adequacy of coverage of foreign intelligence information available in the United States through these non-governmental sources and means for improving coverage.

d. Extent of duplication between government agencies in contacting individuals and others in the United States for foreign intelligence information and means for eliminating such duplication.

e. Availability of each agency's foreign intelligence information collected from sources within the United States to other agencies concerned and means for improving inter-agency distribution.

f. Practicability of establishing standard procedures for the collection of foreign intelligence information from non-governmental sources in the United States and from individuals entering or returning to the country.

g. Means for insuring a continuous flow of foreign informational material possessed by individuals entering or returning to the country.

h. Practicability of establishing, either centrally or in the respective government agencies, a control index showing what information (from non-government sources in the United States) is available in each agency and the type and extent of potential foreign intelligence information possessed by individuals, institutions and business houses in the United States.

5. The Central Planning Staff, C.I.G., in conducting the survey, will be authorized to call for personnel indicated in paragraph 6, below, to appear and give such oral or written reports as may be required for purposes of this survey.

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6. Each member of the Intelligence Advisory Board will designate a representative to arrange details with the Information Branch, Central Planning Staff, and to furnish the C.I.G. a list of personnel authorized to give information for purposes of the survey. The designation of appropriate contact personnel in other Federal agencies will be arranged for as necessary.

7. The Central Planning Staff will submit its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Director of Central Intelligence. He will then submit appropriate recommendations to the National Intelligence Authority, after concurrence or comment by the Intelligence Advisory Board.

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