

18 April 1947.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

Subject: Enabling Legislation for the Central Intelligence Group.

Reference: Memorandum from the Chief, Office of Naval Intelligence, dated 21 February 1947, subject as above.

1. Reference is made to memorandum for the Director of Central Intelligence from the Chief, Office of Naval Intelligence, dated 21 February 1947, subject as above.

2. Attached herewith is a revised draft of a proposed Enabling Act for the establishment of a Central Intelligence Agency.

3. Section 1 of the proposed bill has been redrafted and considerably shortened. If the National Security Act of 1947, (S. 758), is adopted, Section 1 will be eliminated entirely.

4. Section 2 of the earlier draft submitted to you, containing various definitions, has been eliminated entirely.

5. Sections 4 and 5 of the enclosed draft contain those general authorities and special language which it is felt will be necessary for the operation of a Central Intelligence Agency.

6. It is believed that many of the suggestions set forth in the reference memorandum have now been incorporated in the enclosed draft.

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