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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Pforzheimer

Walter,

A transcript of your 23 January 47 memo for the record is attached per your phone request. The transcript appears to have been made for Darling in 1952. You will note that the date, 23 January 1947, has been inserted by hand and does not correspond to the memo itself, which refers to events as late as 28 January. Could the memo have been undated?

Bernard Orell

30 August 1972
(DATE)

FORM NO. 1 AUG 54 101 REPLACES FORM 10-101 WHICH MAY BE USED. (47)

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Merger Bill (National Security Act of 1947)

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23 January 1947

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(Copy under CIA Proposed Legislation)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Proposed Legislation for C.I.G.

Sometime shortly after 1600 hours on 22 January 1947, a copy of the proposed National Defense Act of 1947 was delivered to the Director of Central Intelligence for comment on those sections applicable to him. Immediate review of the intelligence sections indicated that they had been lifted virtually verbatim from S-2044, the Merger Bill introduced into the 79th Congress by Senator Thomas. These provisions are considered unsatisfactory to C.I.G. in many respects. The salient features of disagreement are included in the Memorandum from the undersigned to the Director of Central Intelligence, dated 23 January 1947, subject: Proposed Bill for National Defense Act of 1947.

A conference with the Director established the policy that an attempt should not be made to remove from the Defense Act all but a bare mention of the Central Intelligence Agency, and introduce a separate CIG Bill. The Director also indicated his desire to have included a provision that he would serve as the advisor to the Council on National Defense on matters pertaining to intelligence, and that in this capacity he would attend all meetings of the Council. It was agreed that the Director should take no part in the decisions of the Council as this was a policy making body, and it had long been agreed that Central Intelligence should not be involved in policy making.

At 1000 hours, 23 January 1947, a conference was held in the office of Mr. Charles S. Murphy, Administrative Assistant to the President, at which General Vandenberg, Vice Admiral Forrest Sherman, Major General Lauris Norstad, the undersigned, and Mr. Houston were present. Mr. Murphy stated that the subject was new to him, as he had first entered the picture on 20 January 1947 and was charged with the over-all drafting of the White House version of the National Defense Act. He stated that he did not know that a proposed CIG enabling Act had been submitted to Mr. Clifford's office. He suggested (concurred in by all present) that the draft of the proposed CIG enabling act be substituted for the intelligence sections of the proposed National Defense Act as an initial working basis.

In connection with paragraph 1 (a) of the memorandum for the Director from the undersigned, dated 23 January 1947, it was pointed out that no mention of a CIA had been made in the title of the proposed bill. This was due to the fact that a considerable number of boards and councils were created by this bill and none of them were being named in the title. Therefore, it would not seem appropriate to mention CIA in the title. In this General Vandenberg concurred.

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House on the proposed draft would be acceptable to him, and that his feelings would not be hurt.

After examination of the proposed Third Draft by Colonel Wright and the undersigned, it was determined that same was not satisfactory to C.I.G. Therefore, a memorandum was dispatched (under date of 28 January 1947) to Mr. Clifford, setting forth C.I.G.'s comments on the proposed draft.

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