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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

C.I.G. DIRECTIVE NO. 1

SURVEY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT

Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence,
with the unanimous concurrence of the Intelligence Advisory Board

1. a. The President's letter of 20 September 1945, referring
to functions of the Office of Strategic Services which
were transferred to the War Department, stated: "The Secre-
tary of War shall, whenever he deems it compatible with
the national interest, discontinue and wind up all affairs
relating thereto." At a meeting of intelligence repre-
sentatives held in the War Department on 8 February, it
was generally agreed that an authoritative group should
promptly make a study to determine which functions and
facilities of the Strategic Services Unit should be pre-
served for permanent peacetime purposes after the liquida-
tion of SSU. It was further agreed that prompt decisions
should be reached as to which preserved functions should be
operated by CIG, and which by departments or existing
agencies.

b. The Central Intelligence Group is preparing a
separate action for the purpose of initiating a compre-
hensive survey of existing facilities for the collection
of foreign intelligence information by clandestine methods.
However, that survey will be a long-range matter requiring
the services of permanent personnel not yet assigned to
CIG, whereas the disposition of SSU raises urgent questions
which should be studied immediately. Therefore, an inter-
departmental committee should be organized at once to
undertake the study.
2. By unanimous approval of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board an ad hoc committee is hereby established, to consist of five members, one representing the Director of Central Intelligence and one representing each permanent member of the Intelligence Advisory Board. This committee will promptly make a detailed study of SSU facilities, resources and operations, and will recommend:

a. Which resources, facilities and operating functions should be continued in the national interest after the SSU is liquidated.

b. What disposition should be made of the preserved resources and facilities, and what assignments should be made of responsibility for conducting the preserved operating functions.

c. What budgetary arrangements should be made.

The committee will submit a report of findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Director of Central Intelligence, who will then prepare suitable recommendations to be submitted to the National Intelligence Authority after concurrence or comment by the Intelligence Advisory Board. The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be invited to sit as a member of the Advisory Board for consideration of these recommendations.

3. The CIG representative on the committee will be steering member. The members of the Advisory Board will have their respective committee members report to the Director of Central Intelligence for instructions. Stenographic assistance and office space will be furnished by the War Department, as arranged by Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

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