Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee: My appearance before you this morning is in support of Section 202 of the proposed National Security Act of 1947. This section of the bill provides the United States with a central intelligence service. The first time in our history, with a central intelligence service created by act of Congress. Our present organization, the Central Intelligence Group — which I have the privilege of heading — has been in existence since January 1946, by authority of an Executive Directive of the President of Britain, and for the purpose of the day that the Central Intelligence Group was established, the Director of Central Intelligence — my predecessor and I — have looked toward the time when we could come before the Congress and request that we be given permanent status through legislative enactment. That day has arrived. I sincerely urge adoption of this section of the bill. The United States must have an effective and adequate national security in time of peace; to be warned against possible acts of aggression; to be armed against aggression; to be prepared should disaster come in an atomic age, we must have the full knowledge of the intentions and capabilities of the other nations; and we must have the necessary degree of cooperation with the other nations of the world. We had broken the secret Japanese codes, and some of the work we are doing makes it undesirable — from the standpoint of security — we are doing something impossible to tell fully on the record regarding our activities. I feel that the people of this country, having experienced the disaster