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As a result of the various criticisms the McCormack plan was entirely eliminated. On 7 January the three Secretaries submitted their unanimous recommendation to the President, together with a draft directive for setting up the National Intelligence Authority and the Central Intelligence Agency. The directive differs from the proposal put forward by the Joint Intelligence Committee almost exactly one year earlier only in the regard that the latter recommended an independent budget for the NIA, whereas the draft directive proposed that funds should be drawn from the departments participating in the NIA. The reason for this difference has already been pointed out.
MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL MAGRUDER:

For your information I enclose a copy of a memorandum sent to the President yesterday by the Secretaries of State, War and Navy, enclosing a proposed order establishing a Central Intelligence Agency.

As you will note, the plan proposes a general structure and contains a statement of functions, but leaves undecided most of the questions that have been under discussion between the service departments and the State Department.

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