Subject: Explanatory Memorandum About New NSC Intelligence Directives
Replacing Old NIA Directives

1. On 26 September 1947, at the first meeting of the National Security Council, the Director of Central Intelligence was directed to submit within 60 days appropriate revisions of old NIA directives and supplements (GIG directives). At the suggestion of the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council, the proposed NSC intelligence directives have been confined to matters of policy in consonance with the 1947 Act, the implementing details to be placed in directives issued by the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. Accordingly, all the former NIA and GIG directives have been carefully reviewed. The enclosed revisions are transmitted herewith for your concurrence or comment and will be discussed at an early meeting.

3. An effort has been made to present the previously adopted essential policies in logical sequence, in consonance with the National Security Act of 1947.

4. For your convenience, the proposed NSC directives and related DCI directives are listed hereunder with references to former directives from which they are derived:

a. Proposed NSC Intelligence Directive No. 1
This is a consolidation of the functions, policies and objectives included in NIA Directives 1 and 5, with minor revision in conformity with the provisions of the National Security Act.

b. Proposed Director of Central Intelligence Directive 1/1
Paragraph 1 derives its substance from paragraph 1a, NIA Directive No. 5.

Paragraph 2 derives its substance from NIA Directive No. 10.

c. Proposed DCI Directive 1/2
This is a consolidation of the revision of NIA Directive No. 9, and an agreement reached between the AEC and CIA.

d. Proposed DCI Directive 1/3
Derived from paragraph 1b, NIA Directive No. 5.

e. Proposed DCI Directive 1/4
Derived from JRDB 1/2, which was approved by the Chairman, Joint Research and Development Board and the Director of Central Intelligence.
f. Proposed DCI Directive 1/6

Derives its substance from agreements referred to and/or confirmed in the following memoranda:

(1) From DCI to Secretaries of War and Navy, dated 2 November 1946; Subject, "Washington Document Center."

(2) From DCI to Secretaries of War and Navy, dated 27 November 1946; Subject, "Washington Document Center."

(3) From DI, WDGS, to DCI, dated 20 March 1947; Subject, "German Military Documents Section and Special Documents Section, ID, WDGS."

(4) From DI, WDGS, to DCI, dated 23 May 1947; Subject, "German Military Document Section and Special Documents Section, ID, WDGS."

g. Proposed DCI Directive 1/6

Derives its substance from CIG Directive No. 15 and the supplement thereto.

h. Proposed NSC Intelligence Directive No. 2

Derived from a consolidation of pertinent items in paragraph 7 of the President's letter, NIA Directive No. 1 and NIA Directive No. 11, as revised by decision of the Executive Secretary of the NSC.

i. Proposed NSC Intelligence Directive No. 3

Is a consolidation of NIA Directive No. 7 and CIG Directive No. 16 entitled "Plan for the Coordination of Biographic Intelligence."

Paragraph 1a derives its substance from paragraph 1a, NIA Directive No. 7.

Paragraph 1b is a new paragraph intended to define more clearly the proper allocation for collection of economic and scientific intelligence.

Paragraph 2 is substantially the same as paragraph 1b of NIA Directive No. 7.

Paragraph 3 is a rewording for clarification of paragraph 1c of NIA Directive No. 7.

Paragraph 4 is substantially the same as paragraph 1d of NIA Directive No. 7.

Paragraph 5 is a rewording for clarification of paragraph 1e of NIA Directive No. 7.

Paragraph 6 derives its substance from paragraph 1f, NIA Directive No. 7.

Paragraph 7 is substantially the same as paragraph 1g of NIA Directive No. 7.

Paragraph 8 is the same as paragraph 1h of NIA Directive No. 7.

Paragraph 8 is derived from parts of CIG #18 and NS Act #2.
1. Proposed DDI Directive 3/1

This is substantially a consolidation of CIG Directive No. 16 entitled "Plan for the Coordination of Biographic Intelligence," and CIG Directive No. 18 entitled "Coordination of Collection Activities," eliminating those parts which duplicate contents of the proposed NSC Intelligence Directive No. 3.

2. Proposed NSC Intelligence Directive No. 4

Derived from paragraph 1 and 4, NIA Directive No. 8.

5. With the presentation of these proposed NSC intelligence directives to the Council for adoption, the Council will be requested to take the following action on NIA and CIG directives:


NIA Directive No. 2 - Organization and Functions of the Central Intelligence Group. Rescind as obsolete.

NIA Directive No. 3 - NIA Views on Proposed Executive Order "Directing the Cooperation of Government Agencies in the Coordination of Foreign Intelligence Activities of the United States." Rescind as obsolete.

NIA Directive No. 4 - Policy on Liquidation of the Strategic Services Unit. Rescind as obsolete.

NIA Directive No. 5 - Functions of the Director of Central Intelligence. Rescind as replaced by NSC intelligence directives.

NIA Directive No. 6 - Provision for Coordinating the Acquisition of Foreign Publications. Rescind as inappropriate under the National Security Act of 1947.

NIA Directive No. 7 - Coordination of Collection Activities. Rescind as replaced by NSC intelligence directives.

NIA Directive No. 8 - National Intelligence Requirements. Rescind as replaced by NSC intelligence directives.

NIA Directive No. 9 - Coordination of Intelligence Activities Related to Foreign Atomic Energy Developments and Potentialities. Rescind as replaced by NSC intelligence directives.

NIA Directive No. 10 - Employment of Reserve Officers as Agents. Rescind as replaced by NSC intelligence directives.

NIA Directive No. 11 - Action by the Intelligence Advisory Board on Matters Submitted to the National Intelligence Authority. Rescind as replaced by NSC intelligence directives.

CIG Directive No. 1 - Survey of the Activities of the Strategic Services Unit. Rescind as obsolete.

CIO Directive No. 3 - Survey of Facilities for Collecting Foreign Intelligence Information by Clandestine Methods. Rescind as obsolete.


CIO Directive No. 5 - Interim Survey of the Collection of Intelligence Information in China. Rescind as obsolete.


CIO Directive No. 8 - Survey of Joint Intelligence Study Publishing Board. Rescind as obsolete.


CIG Directive No. 10 - Index of U.S. Residents Foreign Intelligence Information. Rescind as replaced by NSA intelligence directives.

CIO Directive No. 11 - Survey of Exploitation of American Business Concerns with Connections Abroad as Sources of Foreign Intelligence Information. Rescind as replaced by NSA intelligence directives.

CIO Directive No. 12 - Survey of Exploitation of American Business Concerns with Connections Abroad as Sources of Foreign Intelligence Information. Rescind as replaced by NSA intelligence directives.

CIO Directive No. 13 - Survey of Exploitation of American Business Concerns with Connections Abroad and American Residents travelling Abroad as Sources of Foreign Intelligence Information. Rescind as replaced by NSA intelligence directives.

CIG Directive No. 14 - Development of Intelligence on USSR. Rescind as replaced by NSA intelligence directives.

CIO Directive No. 15 - Survey of Exploitation of American Business Concerns and Scientific, Educational, and Religious Organizations with Connections Abroad and American Residents travelling Abroad as Sources of Foreign Intelligence Information. Rescind as replaced by NSA intelligence directives.

Supplemental Directive No. 2 to CIG Directive No. 15 - Rescind as replaced by NSA intelligence directives.

CIG Directive No. 16 - Plan for Coordination of Biographic Intelligence. Rescind as replaced by NSA intelligence directives.


CIG Directive No. 18 and Amendment - Coordination of Collection Activities. Rescind as replaced by NSA intelligence directives.

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