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To The Secretary of State,

The Secretary of War, and

The Secretary of the Navy.

1. It is my desire, and I hereby direct, that all Federal foreign intelligence activities be planned, developed and coordinated so as to assure the most effective accomplishment of the intelligence mission related to the national security. I hereby designate you, together with another person to be named by me as my personal representative, as the National Intelligence Authority to accomplish this purpose.

2. Within the limits of available appropriations, you shall each from time to time assign persons and facilities from your respective Departments, which persons shall collectively form a Central Intelligence Group and shall, under the direction of a Director of Central Intelligence, assist the National Intelligence Authority. The Director of Central Intelligence shall be designated by me, shall be responsible to the National Intelligence Authority, and shall sit as a non-voting member thereof.

3. Subject to the existing law, and to the direction and control of the National Intelligence Authority, the Director of Central Intelligence shall:

a. Accomplish the correlation and evaluation of intelligence relating to the national security, and the appropriate dissemination within the Government of the resulting strategic and national policy intelligence. In so doing, full use shall be made of the staff and facilities of the intelligence agencies of your Departments.

b. Plan for the coordination of such of the activities of the Intelligence agencies of your Departments as relate to the national security and recommend to the National Intelligence Authority the establishment of such over-all policies and objectives as will assure the most effective accomplishment of the national intelligence mission.

c. Perform, for the benefit of said intelligence agencies, such services of common concern as the National Intelligence Authority determines can be more efficiently accomplished centrally.
d. Perform such other functions and duties related
to intelligence affecting the national security as
the President and the National Intelligence Authority
may from time to time direct.

4. No police, law enforcement or internal security
functions shall be exercised under this directive.

5. Such intelligence received by the intelligence agen-
cies of your Departments as may be designated by the National
Intelligence Authority shall be freely available to the Direc-
tor of Central Intelligence for correlation, evaluation or
dissemination. To the extent approved by the National Intel-
ligence Authority, the operations of said intelligence agencies
shall be open to inspection by the Director of Central Intel-
ligence in connection with planning functions.

6. The existing intelligence agencies of your Depart-
ments shall continue to collect, evaluate, correlate and dis-
sseminate departmental intelligence.

7. The Director of Central Intelligence shall be ad-
vised by an Intelligence Advisory Board consisting of the heads
(or their representatives) of the principal military and
civilian intelligence agencies of the Government having func-
tions related to national security, as determined by the National
Intelligence Authority.

8. Within the scope of existing law and Presidential
directives, other departments and agencies of the executive
branch of the Federal Government shall furnish such intelli-
gence information relating to the national security as is in
their possession, and as the Director of Central Intelligence
may from time to time request pursuant to regulations of the
National Intelligence Authority.

9. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize the
making of investigations inside the continental limits of the
United States and its possessions, except as provided by law
and Presidential directives.

10. In the conduct of their activities the National
Intelligence Authority and the Director of Central Intelligence
shall be responsible for fully protecting intelligence sources
and methods.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Harry Truman