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22 July 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary
National Security Council

SUBJECT : Transmittal of Information and Recommendation for Further Action Concerning Warning Facilities of the Intelligence Community

1. Paragraph 10 of NSC 162/2, approved by the President on 30 October 1953, called for a maximum national effort "for the purposes of developing and maintaining an intelligence system capable of collecting and analyzing indications of hostile intentions that will give maximum prior warning of possible aggression or subversion in any area of the world." As one of a number of continuing actions taken pursuant to this paragraph, I have issued, under date of 11 May 1954, with the concurrence of the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC), a revised directive, Director of Central Intelligence Directive (DCID) 1/2, governing the warning organization of the intelligence community. This directive is the result of an exhaustive review of the mission and operating procedures of the IAC Watch Committee, as reported to the Council in my periodic reports on the Foreign Intelligence Program, the most recent of which was NSC 5407, part 8, submitted 17 February 1954.

2. I attach as Annex "A" the text of DCID 1/2 which was distributed on 1 June 1954 to each member of the Council. The principal change involved is the creation of a National Indications Center, directed by a CIA representative but to be located in the Pentagon. This Center will serve in a staff capacity to the Watch Committee itself, which will be chaired by my nominee, and will continue to consist of senior representatives of all major intelligence agencies.

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3. In order to discharge its function, the Watch Committee must be promptly and conscientiously provided, through the National Indications Center (NIC), with information and intelligence of all types and security classifications which could assist the Committee in determining indications of Soviet or Communist intentions to initiate hostilities or exploit developments which could jeopardize the security of the U.S. Much of the necessary information is now made available to one or more of the members of the intelligence community in various ways but frequently these persons are not free to discuss or use this information. It is still possible for information essential to the Watch mission to be withheld from the intelligence community on grounds of "operational" sensitivity, of "policy" nature or of private character - "eyes only" for a high departmental official. Therefore, pursuant to Section 102 (e) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, I ask the Council to recommend that the President direct all appropriate departments and agencies of the government:

a. To keep the IAC Watch Committee (as established by DCID 1/2) informed, through appropriate arrangements with the Director, National Indications Center, on behalf of the Chairman of the Watch Committee, concerning diplomatic, political, military, or other courses of action by the U.S., contemplated or in process of execution, which might bring about military reaction or early hostile action by the USSR, or its allies, endangering the security of the U.S.

b. To make fully available to the IAC Watch Committee through appropriate arrangements with the Director, National Indications Center, on behalf of the Chairman, all information and intelligence pertinent to its mission, without restriction because of source, policy or operational sensitivity.

SIGNED

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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Attachment

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Rewritten: FNP/rmr (21 Jul 54)
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Proposed Memorandum to Executive Secretary, NSC, Subject: Transmittal of Information and Recommendation for Further Action Concerning Warning Facilities of the Intelligence Community, Attached

1. Attached is a memorandum for your signature to the Executive Secretary, NSC, recommending necessary action in support of the National Indications Center.

2. It is recommended that you sign the memorandum.

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ROBERT AMORY, JR.
Deputy Director/Intelligence

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CONCURRENCE: *

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FRANK G. WISNER
Deputy Director (Plans)

* Subject to the insertion of the word "military" in front of "reaction" in line 7 of paragraph 3-a.

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Remarks: (1) I have made a further change in para 2 for the sake of accuracy, per [redacted] Comment.
(2) I am inclined to buy the paper with both of Dick's (R. Helms) suggested changes. Sh (HJC)

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