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TO : Mr. C. D. DeLoach

DATE: 6/6/70

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: INTERAGENCY INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE
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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated June 5, 1970, captioned as above which indicated that the Director will meet with the heads of the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency and a representative of the White House staff in the Director's office, at 11:00 a.m. 6-8-70. In accordance with the Director's instructions I will be present. Unless there is an objection I will have with me Mr. C. D. Brennan, Chief of the Internal Security Section which will have the responsibility of preparing our portion of the report on the New Left and related matters. I believe Mr. Brennan should hear and will benefit from the Director's remarks.

I have been advised that as of this date the heads of the other agencies do not now plan to have any of their assistants with them, except Admiral Gaylor of NSA who will bring an assistant, Benson Buffram.

It occurred to me that in addition to the remarks the Director has in mind he may wish to give consideration to some of the major points in the enclosed statement prepared for him.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum and the enclosed statement be furnished to the Director.

Enclosure

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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INTERAGENCY INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

I am sure you gentlemen will all agree with me that our meeting with the President on Friday was of very special significance. The President clearly recognizes that we are confronted today with unique and complex problems arising from subversive activities on an international scale. There is a distinct relationship between these activities and much of the disorder and violence which increasingly threatens our internal security. The President made it abundantly clear that he expects us, as members of the intelligence community, to do more than we have been doing to bring the worldwide picture of these problems into better perspective for him.

Having been designated by the President as Chairman of the Committee to meet this challenge, I feel a special responsibility. First, I would like to state that I agree completely with the President's view of the situation. Consider what has transpired in the 1960s. We have witnessed the emergence of widespread racial unrest which threatens to grow much worse before it gets better. We have also seen the emergence of a new left militancy which has constituted massive mob rule in action. From what we have learned to date it is apparent these are not solely domestic problems. There are definite foreign links to our domestic disorders.

Yet, the foreign aspect of the problem is different than that which we experienced in the past. Prior to the 1960s, foreign-directed intelligence and espionage activities constituted the main threat to our security. We in the intelligence community geared ourselves accordingly and met that problem successfully. We coordinated our activities in doing so. But the nature of the problem was such that it left us to a marked degree free to operate independently in regard to our respective problem areas.

Today, it is mandatory that we recognize the changed nature of the problem confronting us. Unless we do so, we will be incapable of fulfilling the responsibility levied upon us by the President.

The plain fact is that there currently are thousands of individuals inside this country who want to see our form of government destroyed. They have in fact pledged themselves publicly to achieving this goal. They have put their words.

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into actions constituting revolutionary terrorism, and the total effect of their actions to date has been disastrous.

In addition, they are reaching out seeking support from this nation's enemies abroad to further their objectives. Thus the links to Cuba, China, and Iron Curtain countries already have been established and promise to grow because of the equal determination of various international communist elements to destroy our form of government.

In contrast to the rigidly structured subversive organizations of past experience, the current subversive forces threatening us constitute widespread, disjointed, and varied autonomous elements, the destructive potential of which is manifold.

Individually, those of us in the intelligence community are relatively small and limited. Unified, our own combined potential is magnified and limitless. It is through unity of action that we can tremendously increase our intelligence-gathering potential and, I am certain, obtain the answers the President wants.

I am establishing a working committee to insure that we achieve the desired unity. It will be the job of the committee to (1) assess the overall nature of the problem as we know it today, (2) examine individually and together the respective resources of each Agency to insure full utilization of them for the benefit of all, and (3) devise coordinated procedures designed to penetrate the current nebulous areas of subversive activities here and abroad as they relate to our domestic problems.

The first meeting is set for tomorrow afternoon, Tuesday, June 9th, and you have been furnished the details as to the time and place.

The working committee will hereafter meet each Tuesday and Friday for the purpose of preparing a comprehensive study to be completed in rough draft form by June 22, 1970, for presentation to the President on July 1, 1970; in final form. This should serve as the foundation of our committee's existence and purpose and as the basis for a coordinated intelligence effort best suited to serve the country's interest at this time of crisis.

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