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TO : Mr. C. A. Tolson

DATE: 6/20/70

FROM : W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

SUBJECT: INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE  
(ESTABLISHED BY THE PRESIDENT, JUNE 5, 1970)

Attached for the Director's consideration is a copy of a first draft of the report prepared by the working committee in connection with captioned matter.

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The first 36 pages of this draft present an assessment of the present internal security threat under appropriate captions. This is material with which the Director is thoroughly familiar and it is not believed he need spend too much time reviewing it unless he so desires. There is nothing controversial in this portion of the report.

Material relating to investigative restraints and limitations discussed by the working committee is set forth in Section V (pages 37-59). This material is set forth in accordance with the President's request, with the pros and cons outlined and with no recommendations of any kind made by the committee. It is clear that in this portion we have controversial issues affecting the Bureau as well as the other agencies on the committee.

The final section of the report (pages 60-65) sums up, in accordance with the President's request, the committee's observations concerning current procedures to effect interagency coordination and suggested measures to improve coordination of intelligence collection through the establishment of a permanent interagency committee chaired by the Director or a person designated to act for him.

I do not agree with the scope of this proposed committee nor do I feel that an effort should be made at this time to engage in any combined preparation of intelligence estimates. I can see that a committee could be helpful if it was limited to meeting periodically to determine how to better coordinate operational activities against particular targets in the intelligence field.

The working committee is scheduled to meet again at 2 p.m., Tuesday, June 23, in order to reach agreement on a final draft of this report.

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ENCLOSURE  
Mr. Tolson  
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RE: INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

OBSERVATIONS:

If committee agreement is not reached at Tuesday's meeting on the controversial points involved, it would appear we have four possible courses of action:

(1) We can offer no objection to the report and wait to see what the President decides. (I think this would be unwise.)

(2) The Director can voice his objections to the President verbally.

(3) The Bureau can take a position in writing in the report opposing any relaxation of the investigative restraints discussed on the grounds that the arguments supporting these restraints outweigh the arguments opposed.

(4) The Bureau can take a position in writing in the report that it is opposed to the extensive scope and ramifications of the proposed new committee, while at the same time noting that we would have no objection to a committee which would be limited to meeting periodically in order to effect a better operational coordination among member agencies with regard to particular targets in the intelligence field.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That approval be given for the Bureau to include in the final committee report a statement opposing the relaxation of investigative restraints which affect the Bureau.

(2) That the Bureau take a position at Tuesday's meeting of the working committee that it is opposed to a new committee of the scope described in the attached draft, but that we would not object to a committee limited to better coordination specific intelligence operations or problems.

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RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED:

(3) That, in addition, the Director give consideration to expressing his objections verbally to the President.

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*H* (4) That, if the Director's schedule permits, final meeting of Director's committee take place in his office at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 25. At that time the Director can inquire if other committee members have any further comments and, if not, he can present them with a copy of the final report. (If the Director does not wish to present this report personally to the President, we will prepare appropriate transmittal letter for liaison to handle.)

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