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Brief for Discussion  
With the President

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SUBJECT: Recommendation No. 3 of the Report to the President by the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities, dated December 20, 1956.

1. Under date of 3/1/60 there has been submitted to the President by the DCI and the Chairman, JCS (Admiral Burk, Acting) their joint report on the implementation of the subject recommendation of the Hull Board which was approved by the President on 1/29/57. This is the sixth such joint report which has been submitted and is submitted on a semi-annual basis pursuant to an action previously approved by the President on 3/3/59.

2. The recommendation as approved by the President called for expeditious action to accomplish the following: (1) the highest feasible state of readiness of planning for intelligence activities to be conducted in time of war (including Unconventional Warfare, Psychological Warfare, Espionage and Counterespionage activities), and (2) a realistic war-gaming of such planning.

3. The DCI-JCS semi-annual report submitted six months ago, took into account a Presidential direction calling for particular emphasis on (1) CIA support to the military in wartime, and (2) the wargaming of planning called for in the recommendation. However, it was indicated that much remained to be done to complete the action called for in the action approved by the President. Accordingly, on 9/29/59 the President directed that (a) increased emphasis be placed on efforts to achieve operational readiness of the joint planning called for in the recommendation, including the selective utilization on a priority basis of intelligence capabilities presently available in support of military plans for war-time operations; (b) continued emphasis be placed on the war-gaming of such planning; (c) no significant increase in personnel, facilities, etc., be made in connection with this directive; and (d) semi-annual progress reports continue to be submitted.

Present DCI-JCS Report

4. The current joint report by the DCI and JCS is for the most part a repetition of previous reports with respect to such inherent difficulties as those relating to the establishment and acceptance of military requirements which would be met by CIA in wartime in the field of clandestine operations. With respect to the testing of planning as called for in the approved recommendation, some testing has been done



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("through joint and unilateral critical staff reviews, planning conferences and testing exercises") although it appears that some of the tests referred to in the current report are the same ones reported on six months ago.

5. It is noted that the current report makes reference to a March 3, 1959, memorandum from the Executive Secretary, NSC, which dealt with a previous Presidential action in connection with this recommendation. However, the current DCI-JCS submission makes no reference to the more recent memorandum of the Executive Secretary dated 9/29/59 advising of the action approved by the President at that time (see Par.3, above, last sentence). Among other things, that Presidential action included the request for "selective utilization on a priority basis of intelligence capabilities presently available in support of military plans for wartime operations" -- however, the current DCI-JCS report takes cognizance of this requirement, only indirectly, in a statement that commanders and senior CIA representatives are "concerned with" this matter (page 5 of the current report, second sentence).

6. The joint DCI-JCS report this time ends with a recommendation, namely, that future joint reports by DCI-JCS on this Hull Board recommendation be submitted annually, on March 1 (rather than semi-annually as is now required by Presidential direction). The reason given is to the effect that military training programs are on an annual basis and progress to war games after the first half of the year, with the result that a report covering the first six months of any year is "inconclusive". (OBSERVATION: While this reporting difficulty may be significant with respect to the "wargaming" requirement of the Hull Board recommendation, it is not clear why progress on other requirements of the Presidentially approved recommendation could not be covered in the semi-annual reports which are presently called for. More important, from the standpoint of the subject matter, is the early achievement of substantial progress by the DCI and JCS in meeting the overall objectives of the Hull Board recommendation, and on the basis of reports furnished since 1956 it would appear that added push is needed to get this done.)

Recommendation

It is suggested that the President be briefed on the current DCI-JCS report, as above, and that it be recommended to the President that he approve an action along the following lines:

Noted the joint semi-annual report of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Joint Chiefs of Staff submitted in memorandum of March 1, 1960, concerning the subject recommendation, and requested that (a) the joint report be referred to the



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President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities for consideration in the light of the subject recommendation and the subsequent actions thereon approved by the President, and (b) the Board furnish to the President at the earliest practicable date its comments regarding the implementation of the recommendation, together with recommendations deemed appropriate.



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