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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, PLANS AND POLICY DIVISION

SUBJECT: R/D draft of Paper Entitled "Establishment of National Security Agency Research and Development Advisory Council and Technical Committees"

1. I do not concur in the proposals set forth in the subject paper and suggest in place of them the following ideas:

a. Establish two technical committees, one for COMINT, the other for COMSEC matters.

b. Let the chairman of each committee be the Chief of the Office of Research and Development.

c. Coordination between the two committees would be effectively accomplished by b, but in addition have the committees report to the Director through the Deputy Director for Research and Development.

d. Under our new status, I see no reason for completely "crossing out" representatives from outside departments or agencies; on the contrary, I see good reasons for having them give us advice and assistance in R and D matters of direct concern to them. Therefore, let there be on these committees representatives, as few as possible and on an ad hoc basis, from outside interested departments and agencies when necessary or desirable.

e. Establish panels within each committee as may be necessary or desirable. For example, the COMSEC committee might not need more than two panels, one for literal equipments, another for ciphony-cifax, etc.; however, if a separate panel for authentication, identification, IFF systems, etc. were deemed advisable, I see no harm in having one. The same is true as regards panels within the COMINT committee.

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