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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FRIEDMAN

SUBJECT: General McClure's Remarks on the Report of the
Special Study Group

Paragraph references pertain to the numbered paragraphs of General McClure's Memorandum for the Director, NSA, dated 31 December 1953.

Par. 2 - Nowhere in the Report does the Study Group guarantee 4 to 12 weeks warning. The statement the General refers to is in the Summary on page 2:



"This potentiality can be fully realized only with an increase in the current level of effort"

This refers to the potentialities of COMINT and guarantees nothing.

Par. 3 - The Study Group's use of the term "Soviet," taken in the narrowest sense, could be misleading - particularly in the Summary on page 2.

Par. 4 - Here the General is in basic agreement with the intent of the Study Group in regard to the high-level cryptographic systems.

Par. 5 - Here the General's remarks seem defensive, and seem to be based only on the statements on personnel contained in the Summary. The Study Group's contentions in the body of the report and in the Appendix, refer especially to research, development and analytic NSA civilian personnel. As far as the military are concerned, the point of making COMINT a rewarding and satisfying career seems to have been missed (avoided?).

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