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Dear Sirs:

The President on December 13, 1951, directed the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, assisted by the Director of Central Intelligence, to have the Communications Intelligence activities of the Government surveyed, with the view of recommending any corrective measures that may be required to insure the most secure and effective conduct of such activities.

You are hereby appointed as a Committee to make a survey as hereinafter described and submit to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense proposed recommendations for their consideration.

In order to assist us in carrying out the directive of the President, it is desired that your Committee consider the following:

a. The legitimate Communications Intelligence needs of each governmental department and agency for the production of departmental intelligence, and of the Director of Central Intelligence for the production of national intelligence. Your Committee's consideration of such needs shall not be narrowly interpreted and shall include, without limitation, any and all aspects of the interception, transmission, processing and production of useable Communications Intelligence information.

b. The allocation of responsibilities and authorities respecting Communications Intelligence activities that should be made to insure that such needs are satisfied most effectively, giving due regard to the requirements of security. Your Committee's consideration of this question shall include, without limitation, the extent to which responsibility for, and authority over, the interception and processing of Communications Intelligence information, or any other aspect of such activities, may and should be assigned for performance as a service of common concern, and to which department or agency such assignment should be made.

Your Committee may establish such methods of procedure, consistent with existing Communications Intelligence security regulation, as it may deem fit. Your Committee is authorized to employ such staff as it may require, and you may apply to the Director of Central Intelligence for the clearance and indoctrination of such persons not presently cleared and indoctrinated for Special Intelligence as may be required to assist your Committee.

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Your Committee is hereby authorized to request all departments and agencies conducting Communications Intelligence activities for the Government to make available to your Committee and its staff any and all persons and papers from which information relevant to the above-described survey can be obtained.

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Secretary of Defense

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