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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Defense.

Subject: Committee on the Creation of a Unified Armed Forces Security Agency - report of.

Reference: (a) Secretary of Defense Secret Memorandum to the Secretaries of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, dated 19 August 1948.

Enclosure: Study of Joint Organizations for the Production of Communications Intelligence and for Security of U. S. Military Communications (5 copies).

1. In accordance with reference (a), the Committee has exhaustively studied the problems presented and herewith submits its report.

2. This report is in two parts; Part A, classified Top Secret, dealing with Communications Intelligence matters, and Part B, classified Secret, dealing with Communication Security matters.

3. Complete agreement concerning the organization of a Joint or Unified Armed Forces Agency for the production of Communications Intelligence was not reached. The differences in the view of the Army members on the one hand, and the view of the Navy and Air Force members on the other, are indicated in Part A.

4. Complete agreement concerning the organization of a joint or unified armed forces agency for the production of cryptographic materiel and for communications security was not reached. The differences in the view of the Army and Navy members on the one hand, and of the Air Force members on the other, are basically as follows. The Army and

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Navy members recommend the organization and procedures set forth in Part B. The Air Force members neither support nor reject Part B, but feel that until a decision as to Part A is known, Part B should not be finally acted upon. It is the recommendation of the whole committee, therefore, that Part B should be reviewed subsequently. ~~The Army and Navy members feel, however, that in order currently to effect better coordination, Part B should be implemented on an interim basis, without prejudice to the further consideration of it subsequently.~~

5. Observers from the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency attended the later meetings of the Committee. The Committee recommends that the Secretary of Defense forward copies of Part A to the Department of State and to the Central Intelligence Agency for any comment they may care to make, prior to resolving the matter.

6. It will be noted in Part A that the whole Committee agrees to the creation of an Armed Forces Communications Intelligence Board (AFCIB). There has not been complete agreement concerning the controlling body for Communication Security, ~~which at present is~~ under cognizance of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCEC).

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7. In connection with measures to increase Communication Security and the Communications Intelligence effort, the Committee recommends that the proposed legislation contained in 80th Congress bills S 2833 (Amendment to Federal Communications Act of 1934) and S 2860 (Cryptographic Security Bill) be enacted.

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Chairman.