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Status of intelligence developments

In accordance with your direction, I have this morning discussed the intelligence situation with Miles and Scharswalder. Our general conclusions are (1) that the proposals for working out a total intelligence system continue to be confused with, or to be subordinated to, secret intelligence operations; and (2) that there needs to be re-emphasis placed upon the position of the State Department as the leader in the interdepartmental efforts through which a satisfactory solution of the postwar intelligence program will necessarily have to be developed.

Accordingly, I am attaching a draft of a suggested memo from you to the President, the purpose of which is to summarize the existing situation and to indicate what action needs to be taken if further progress is to be made.

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