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Messrs. McKay and Simmes

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General Nelson

Team to Survey Intelligence Activities

The purpose of this memorandum is to bring all concerned up-to-date on the question of conducting a survey within the Department of State to determine where in the Department there should be intelligence activities.

Mr. McCormack was desirous of obtaining this information, and Mr. Russell believes that it would be preferable for the survey to be conducted under the sponsorship of Management Planning rather than Mr. McCormack's office. In this way it was hoped that greater objectivity would be gained and that accordingly the report would carry greater weight.

As a result of conversations with Mr. Finnan and Mr. McKay, it was decided that Mr. McKay and one other individual from Management Planning with Mr. Bradford, of Mr. Klee's office, and one additional outsider who should be properly skeptical to offset the interested viewpoint of Mr. Bradford. Mr. Kermit Gordon (CP), Extension 3064, has agreed to participate and will contact Mr. McKay. If convenient, I should like to be kept abreast of the progress that is made.

cc: Mr. Finnan  
Mr. March

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