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TO : The Director

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DATE: 22 February 1949

FROM : Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT: Hoover Commission Report on the
National Security Organization.

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1. Reference is made to the attached letter to you, dated 18 February 1949, from Sidney A. Mitchell, Executive Director of the Hoover Commission. This letter points out that the Commission will release its report on the National Security Organization on 24 February, but that Volumes II and III of the task force report will only be mimeographed.

2. I have spoken both to Senator McClellan, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, and Congressman Dawson, Chairman of the Expenditures Committee in the House. The report will be transmitted to their Committees.

3. Both Chairmen pledged themselves to take every possible step to keep secure the volumes of the task force report which deal with CIA. They are both aware of the problems involved to the fullest extent. If for any reason they wish to discuss portions of the report with you, it will be done only in executive session.

4. Mr. Dawson in particular realizes that if multiple copies of Volumes II and III of the task force report are made available, there is little possibility of maintaining security in the House.

5. It is noted in Mr. Mitchell's letter to you that only one mimeographed copy of Volumes II and III of the Eberstadt report will be delivered to each branch of the Congress. This will permit the Chairman in each case to look it up, and they will do so. However, it is suggested that you talk with Mr. Mitchell again as both the Senator and the Congressman tend to place the burden for security on the Commission, and that you urge Mr. Mitchell to take specific steps again with both Chairmen to impress on them the security implications involved in the Eberstadt report. In fact, I do not think either Chairman would be adverse to the Commission's deleting the CIA section from the task force report, setting it up separately for them to read and then recalling it.

Walter L. Pforzheimer

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Dear Admiral:

When we talked early this month, I said I would let you know when we were planning to file with the Congress our report on the National Security Organization. As you know, we will transmit with that report to each branch of the Congress printed copies of Volume I of Mr. Eberstadt's report, and one mimeographed copy of Volumes II and III and the Index.

We are now planning to file these reports with the Congress on Thursday, February 24, although the filing may be delayed if Congress is not in session.

I am inclosing for your information, copy of a memorandum I made of our conversation February 3.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney A. Mitchell

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

Admiral Hillenkoetter telephoned and confirmed that he had discussed that part of Mr. Eberstadt's report having to do with intelligence with Mr. Eberstadt and had told Mr. Eberstadt that there was no objection to the various departments and agencies of the Government having access to this information. He said, however, that, obviously, the less publicity given to this part of the report the better, and, therefore, he hoped we would not print it. I explained to him we were printing only Volume I of the Eberstadt report but that we were planning to deliver Volumes II and III, mimeographed, to the Congress simultaneously with the Commission's own report on the National Security Organization.

I also told him that Senator McClellan had delivered a complete copy of the Eberstadt report to the Legislative Reference Section of the Library of Congress. He said he thought this was all right but that he wanted to be sure that we notified him when we deliver the Eberstadt report to Congress so that he could then suggest to the Congress that it not be made readily available to the press. I told him I would let him know.

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cc: Admiral Hillenkoetter - 18 Feb 49

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