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My dear Mr. Eddy:

In a memorandum from the Acting Assistant Director for Collection to Mr. Frederick G. Kilgour, Deputy Director, OGD, Department of State, dated August 8, 1946, it was stated that the Central Intelligence Group desired to receive regularly copies of all policy and information statements on individual countries. In a reply dated September 13, Mr. Kilgour stated "the Department has established the policy that it cannot release its policy materials, as opposed to intelligence materials, such as the Quarterly Policy and Information Statements".

As a result of its experience in developing the National Intelligence Requirements for China as directed by the IAB members' deputies, the Central Intelligence Group is of the definite opinion that intelligence requirements cannot be developed without a full knowledge of pertinent national policy. Under date of October 9, 1946 there was sent to you the CIG draft of National Intelligence Requirements for China, which consisted of three parts, entitled, I- U.S. Policy Toward China, II- Essential Elements of National Intelligence, and III- National Intelligence Requirements of First Priority. To have attempted to arrive at intelligence requirements without an authoritative policy statement at hand might have resulted in greatly misplaced emphasis, serious omissions, and unnecessary inclusions.

In requesting that the Department of State reconsider its decision not to release policy statements, I readily give every assurance that upon receipt in CIG they will have every security protection and will be used solely as an authoritative guide in our determining in conjunction with the agencies intelligence requirements and intelligence collection plans. They will not be made available to persons outside the Central Intelligence Group nor to persons inside the Central Intelligence Group except for the purposes described above. CIG documents such as the National Intelligence Requirements based in whole or in part on information extracted from them will not be distributed without the prior concurrence of the Department of State, both as to content and as to distribution.

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With the above information, I trust you will be able to obtain for release to the Central Intelligence Group the Quarterly Policy and Information Statements which in our opinion are so vital to an intelligent development of our work and which we consider as covered by Paragraph 7 of NIA Directive No. 1.

Very truly yours,

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