

UNCLASSIFIED

 INT 784/1 22660
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.


317

4 JUN 1948


MEMORANDUM FOR: The Executive Secretary,
National Security Council

Transmitted herewith is a paper proposed as a
working basis for further consideration of the problem of
special covert operations.

At such time as the staff is prepared to work
on this subject, I will join them as the CIA member.


R. H. HILLENKOTTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central
Intelligence

Encl-2

Declassified/Released on 3/3/81
By the National Security Council
under provisions of E.O. 12065
by 

03597


Carb. Dist. 6-9-48

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE OF SPECIAL SERVICES
WITHIN THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

The problem of developing U. S. Governmental activities in the field of covert political warfare is the basis for consideration of these activities by the National Security Council.

(2) The Central Intelligence Agency provides the legal structure within which all covert activities can be conducted and it is already charged under NSC 4-A with the conduct of covert psychological operations abroad. In addition, the Central Intelligence Agency is already charged by the National Security Council with conducting espionage and counter-espionage operations abroad. These latter operations are by their very nature closely related to covert ^{operations} political activities. It therefore seems desirable, for legal as well as operational reasons, not to create a new agency for covert ^{operations} political activities, but to place the responsibility for this mission within the legal structure of the Central Intelligence Agency and closely relate it to ^{espionage and counter-espionage} secret intelligence operations under the overall control of the Director of Central Intelligence.

Covert political warfare, as envisaged in this paper, must be developed in a manner consistent with our foreign and military policies.

These considerations lead to the following conclusions and recommendations:

Declassified/Released on 3/3/81
By the National Security Council
under provisions of E.O. 12065
by R. Regan

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

INT 784/3

③ There are, under the authority of Section 102(d)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, the W-S-C hereby ^{that:}
a. ^{the conduct of covert} Responsibility for ~~secret~~ operations, as opposed

~~to secret intelligence operations, and, including covert psychological operations conducted pursuant to NSC 4-A, in peacetime and for all activities, should~~ be placed in a new Office of Special Services to ^{operate} ~~be~~ created within the Central Intelligence Agency. ^{is this} ^{was}

b. ^{shall} The Office of Special Services should have, for ^{unit} security reasons, a considerable measure of autonomy within the Central Intelligence Agency.

c. A highly qualified person recruited from either inside or outside the Central Intelligence Agency, ^{nominated} ~~as determined~~ by the Director of Central Intelligence and approved by the National Security Council, ^{shall} ~~should~~ be appointed to head the Office of Special Services.

4. To assist the Director of Central Intelligence in the maintenance of policy guidance consistent with our foreign and military policies, there should be appointed an Operations Advisory Board. This Board should be formed and developed along the lines of the Intelligence Advisory Board. The Operations Advisory Board should consist of one member each from the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, the Department of the Air Force, and the Department of State. The members of the Operations Advisory Board should be selected and detailed with a view to their having the power to provide authoritative guidance to the Director of Central Intelligence in the implementation of those covert special operations to be conducted during time of peace and to prepare plans for those operations which

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

INT 784/4

are to be initiated with the outbreak of an emergency or a state war. Those selected from the military establishment should be accredited by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

f. x. Supplemental funds for the conduct of the pro operations for fiscal year 1949 *shall* should be immediately requested. Thereafter operational funds for these purposes will be included normal Central Intelligence Agency Budget requests.

Upon approval by the Security Council of the foregoing the Director of Central Intelligence should prepare the necessary directives to implement the decision of the National Security

- 3 -

UNCLASSIFIED

11(11)