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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR

Subject: COMINT Supplement to Part II of the Report of the Technological Capabilities Panel.

Reference: USCIB: 13.2/29

1 a. The Technological Capabilities Panel (TCP), a special subcommittee of the Scientific Advisory Committee, Executive Office of the President, was established in August 1954 at the request of the President to consider all source material in dealing with the problem of the dangers of a surprise attack on the United States.

b. The Chairman of the TCP, Dr. James R. Killian, established subcommittees or working groups to examine three specific areas:

- (1) striking power
- (2) defensive power
- (3) intelligence

c. The membership of each of these groups is shown in Inclosure 1 hereto.

2. Dr. John S. Tukey, a member of the group dealing with intelligence, recently gave me the handwritten draft of the subject COMINT Supplement to the Report of the TCP, with the request that it be typed in a total of six copies. One copy he wished to be read only by such high-level NSA personnel as should read the document on a need-to-know basis. The remaining copies are to be kept until their distribution should be directed by Dr. Killian or some other member of the TCP authorized to indicate their distribution.

3. Dr. Tukey indicated that he would be glad to have any comments that NSA readers of the subject report may care to make on it and that he would see to it that those comments would go to the proper people who might be concerned with them.

4. I would like to discuss with you the subject report and its distribution.

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