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2 MAY 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

SUBJECT : Operation RESISTANCE

BACKGROUND

1. In accordance with the conversation in your office between officers \_\_\_\_\_ and per your instruction during this conversation on 25 April 1968, we are forwarding herewith for your approval the organization, mission and operations of a new Unit to support Operation RESISTANCE.

2. You will recall that Operation RESISTANCE was established approximately 1 year ago to collect information through our formal field offices and other sources to permit the Chief, Security Research Staff to formulate current reports on the status of activities directed against the Agency by potentially hostile individuals and organizations.

3. In our discussions with you we brought to your attention that there was considerable material being received daily but that proper exploitation by the Security Research Staff was not possible due to limited staffing. Further, we stated that in view of the upcoming social tensions in the Washington area we were of the opinion that a Special Unit should be temporarily established to receive, review and analyze the current incoming material; to provide concise summaries of such information on a current basis; and to prepare estimates of potential threats to Agency installations and domestic activities in order that the Special Activities Division could provide more timely and professional direction to the MERRIMACK operations.

4. Since a great portion of the effort of this Unit will be directed toward identifying organizations and personalities of direct interest to the MERRIMACK apparatus, and since the Special

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Activities Division is the CI/CE support element to the Security Research Staff, we are recommending that this new Unit be established in the Operations Branch within the Special Activities Division of IOS.

5. The Chief, Security Research Staff through his designee will:

- a. Establish the requirements for the review and analysis of the documents
- b. Establish the criteria and format for reporting
- c. Provide daily guidance and direction on the above
- d. Edit and approve reports for dissemination
- e. Level such other requirements as necessary.

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Deputy Director of Security (IOS)

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CONCUR:

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Date

Chief, Security Research Staff

The recommendations contained in the attachment are approved

  
Howard J. Osborn  
Director of Security

27 May 1968  
Date

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