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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Armstrong

General Magruder called and told me of the following, of which I have reported to Poly:

With respect to delegation of authority, he says that his present wording (it was not clear how much it had been changed) was satisfactory to CIA and he hoped would be satisfactory to us:

"subject to the specific provisions of this directive SECDEF may delegate in whole or in part authority over NSA within his department as he sees fit."

John indicates that he believes this is good enough because the authorities of the NSA are elsewhere in the directive sufficiently firmly stated to prevent a crippling delegation to the JCS.

In this connection he has omitted and hopes Lovett will buy the phrase "or his delegated authority" wherever he has mentioned the SECDEF in connection with NSA.

He indicates that he has been consulting Canine and Wenger as individuals and they have suggested certain minor, legal changes which John believes help and do not introduce contentious elements.

More important, Canine and Wenger are still disturbed about the limitation on the TA evaluation and are reluctant to go along with our phraseology "except authorized by the Board." Therefore, Magruder has told Canine to try to compose appropriate language and take it up directly with us and with CIA, Magruder being completely satisfied that nobody wants too much, but rather that it is a phraseology problem.

Canine has a call in to you and would like to see you tomorrow (Friday).

Magruder hopes to deliver to us tomorrow his new draft with the comment of Lovett, whom he will see tomorrow morning.

Contrary to my understanding of your impression, Magruder expects us to make the first draft on the covering memo for the directive from the two Secretaries to the President. I have asked Poly to try a hand at this.

Handwritten notes:
He specifically asked about this. I think it is a good idea. I will talk to him about it.

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Magruder believes that if we can buy his draft, including the delegation clause, and if we can agree on language with CIA and Canine on "AFSA evaluation responsibility," there will remain only the problem of General Smith on the Special Committee, and in this we are agreed to defer entirely without recommendation to our principals. Magruder says that he will explain this to Lovett. He will say also that the draft which he will show Lovett has not been cleared by the Department but he (Magruder) is hopeful that, in accordance with discussions he has had with us that it is acceptable to us if it is acceptable to Lovett himself.

F.H.