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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Subject: Intelligence Coordinating Committee,  
Berlin (ICCB)

- References:
- a. State Dept Memo dtd 15 Apr 60
  - b. J2DM-120-60 dtd 5 Apr 60
  - c. J.C.S. 1907/239
  - d. J.C.S. 1907/243 and N/H
  - e. J.C.S. 1907/257

- Enclosures:
- A. Draft CM to UndSecState for Pol Affairs
  - B. Copy of Reference a

1. Attached is proposed reply to Mr. Merchant, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs in response to reference a.

2. The memorandum prepared for your signature to the Secretary of Defense on this subject (essentially the same as contained in reference b) is still pertinent and it is recommended that it be dispatched.

3. It is further recommended that copies of the State Department communication (reference a) and your reply thereto be furnished to the Service Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense for their information.

SIGNED

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Director

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NO OBJECTION TO  
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REQUIRES State Concurrence  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs  
Subject: Berlin Intelligence Activities (U)

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 15 April 1960, concerning the appointment of a chairman for the Intelligence Coordinating Committee, Berlin (ICCB).

2. In my opinion, this is a matter to be resolved by mutual agreement between Ambassador Dowling and the U. S. Commander, Berlin (USCOB). In their consideration of this matter on several recent occasions, the attitude of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has in no sense been one of opposing the DCI's representative in Berlin per se. The principle involved here is simply one of whether or not any Washington echelon should dictate such details to a field element several layers removed concerning the composition of a committee which is designed to assist the USCOB in his coordinating responsibility. The ultimate responsibility is that of the USCOB and the Ambassador, and any directives that specify the means to be employed will dilute their authority under NSCID No. 2 and will result in the assumption of this responsibility, in part, by the directing agency.

3. Accordingly, I do not concur in the proposed State Department telegram to Ambassador Dowling attached to your memorandum of 15 April 1960.

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