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Department is sending following letter to Director of Central Intelligence re coordination of US intelligence activities in Berlin. Department understands CIA proposal in USIB-D-67./2 of August 24 available to both Hamlett and Lightner.

RMR "I have your memorandum of September 29 on intelligence coordination in Berlin, and I have examined the CIA proposal described in USIB-D-67./2 of August 24, 1959. The Department of State agrees that improvement of coordination of intelligence activities in Berlin and reduction of unnecessary duplication are desirable, both to improve efficiency and to reduce the possibilities of friction with the German authorities. However, in carrying out the President's wishes, I believe it is necessary to keep clearly in mind the authority and responsibilities of the Ambassador and of the U.S. Commander in Berlin.

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As you are aware under Executive Order No. 10608 of May 5, 1955, the Chief of the U.S. Diplomatic Mission in the Federal Republic of Germany, has, in general, supreme authority with respect to all responsibilities, duties and governmental functions of the United States in all Germany. In addition, general authority concerning the coordination of intelligence collection activities abroad is,

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of course, set forth in National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 2. The Ambassador has, in turn, authorized the U.S. Commander in Berlin, as Deputy Chief of Mission, to exercise these responsibilities in Berlin. Authorization is contained in Department of State telegram number 216 to Berlin of November 10, 1958, a copy of which is attached.

In view of this, I assume that the statement in the CIA proposal, "... it is clear that responsibility for accomplishing, in Berlin, the results desired by the President falls upon USCOB . . .". refers to USCOB in his role as Deputy to the Ambassador.

Subject to this interpretation, the Department concurs in the establishment of an ICC(B), with coordination of overt intelligence collection in Berlin remaining under the supervision of USCOB as Deputy to the Senior U.S. Representative in Germany."

FYI Department's purposes in sending letter are: 1) that no precedent is established affecting Foreign Service reporting and that the latter is in no way restricted; 2) that the flow of intelligence from Berlin is not impeded; 3) that clear lines of authority consistent with Executive Order 10608 are maintained, and that there is no diminution of the authority of the Ambassador; and 4) that relations with the German authorities are not adversely affected.

Parallel messages being sent from Washington to CAS Bonn and Berlin with instructions to consult with Timberlake and Lightner before taking any action.

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