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November 4, 1953.

To: The Director of Central Intelligence

I have studied the MJTWELVE Operations Plan of June 16, 1953, on the subject of instructions for the expenditures of the National UFG Intelligence Program, and more specifically, the Special Operations Instructions to be issued to Unified and Specific Major Commands and Commanders. In connection with my Classified Basic Authorization of March 22, 1953, and the Implementing Instructions of January 23, 1953, I have no further instructions to add.

All the provisions covered in your NSC letter of May 22, 1953, are satisfactory to me, and I approve them, including the changes recommended by your intelligence staff, with the following exceptions:

(a) The penultimate paragraph, page 4 of Inclosure Number 1 to your letter needs to be revised. I am concerned that this paragraph as written could be misinterpreted by Regional and Local Commanders CONUS as giving them license to go beyond the restrictions set forth in these documents if the situation were to appear serious enough as to threaten hostile Soviet action. It seems best to me to eliminate this paragraph. It has been suggested that this difficulty could be averted by deleting the words "utilizing the criteria and procedures set forth in these instructions" and substituting therefor "observing the criteria, procedures, and restrictions set forth in these instructions." I would prefer the deletion of this paragraph altogether from this and all related documents.

(b) With regard to the basic letter of May 22, 1953, I would like to have added to paragraph 2.b the words "subject to COMINT agreements in accordance with NSA and CIA intelligence collection directives."

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I cannot overemphasize the need for the utmost discretion and understanding in exercising the authority set forth in these documents. Accordingly, I would like you to find some way to brief the various Authorizing Commanders on the subject to ensure that all are of one mind as to the letter and spirit of these instructions. Preferably, I would like to see this done in a closed meeting to be arranged through the Director of the National Security Agency, yourself, and representatives of the MJ-12/Special Studies Project. I specifically want Project JEHOVAH director Professor Albert Einstein and Doctor Robert Oppenheimer to inject any useful comments to the briefing as they are most informed on the physics related to the subject. Perhaps the annual Quantico conference could provide an opportunity to do this without the publicity which would call attention to a special meeting.

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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