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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Director, FBI

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DETENTION OF COMMUNISTS IN THE EVENT OF  
SUDDEN DIFFICULTY WITH THE SOVIET UNION

Reference is made to my memoranda to you of March 8, August 5 and September 5, 1946, concerning the captioned matter and also to my memorandum of October 20, 1947, in which I pointed out the necessity for detailed planning on the subject of detention of Communists in the event of an emergency involving the Soviet Union and this country.

The international situation has further deteriorated since the last referenced memorandum on this subject. You will recall my suggestion that appropriate legislation be in readiness for the next session of Congress. Congress has now convened in Special Session to handle certain domestic and foreign aspects of this country's basic relationship with those other nations faced with expanding Soviet and Communist encroachment.

It is suggested that appropriate plans and procedure which shall be followed in the event of an emergency involving the United States and the Soviet Union be prepared so that those individuals responsible for the carrying out of such procedure may be appropriately instructed.

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