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1940, July - August

First Donovan mission to Europe

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1940, December - 1941, March

Second Donovan mission to Europe

1941, Spring - Fall

Establishment of Foreign Information Service, Research and Analysis Branch, Visual Presentation Branch, Oral Intelligence Service, undercover collection, liaison with British, special activities K & L funds (subversive operations)

1941, June 10

Donovan's memorandum to the President proposing the creation of the Service of Strategic Information

1941, June 25

Presidential order appointing Donovan Coordinator of Strategic Information

1941, July 11

Presidential order creating Office of Coordinator of Information

1941, Fall

Creation of Army-Navy Joint Intelligence Committee

1941, December 22

Donovan's paper on the British Commando System

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Commando System
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1942, March

Joint Psychological Warfare Committee created by Joint Chiefs of Staff

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1942, June 13

Presidential order creates Office of Strategic Services, places it under Joint Chiefs of Staff

1942, June 21

Joint Chiefs of Staff reorganize Joint Psychological Warfare Committee, Donovan chairman

1942, August 25

Magruder submits "Proposed Plan for Joint Intelligence Bureau"

1942, December 22

Joint Chiefs of Staff abolish Joint Psychological Warfare Committee, give its functions to the Office of Strategic Services

1942, December 22

Joint Chiefs of Staff define Office of Strategic Services' intelligence functions

1943, Winter

Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) create Joint Intelligence Collection Agencies

1943, January 19

Joint Chiefs of Staff support Army and Navy position regarding release of information to Office of Strategic Services (OSS)

1943, July 30

Magruder states his ideas on permanent U. S. intelligence system to Executive Secretary of JCS

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1943, September 17

Donovan gives details of his plan to Gen. Walter B. Smith

1943, October 27

Joint Chiefs of Staff make final revision of intelligence functions of Office of Strategic Services

1944, Fall

Joint Intelligence Staff (JIS) produces "services plan" and "civilian plan" for permanent national intelligence service

1944, November 18

Donovan submits to President final draft of his plan for "permanent world-wide intelligence service"

1944, December 22

Joint Intelligence Committee begins work of perfecting "services" and "civilian" plans. Produces its plan within a week.

1944, December 26

Donovan leaves for Europe having rejected "services plan" and accepted most of "civilian plan"

1945, January 9

White House conference. Truman decides in favor of JCS plan. Indicates Souers to become first DCI

1945, January 18

Joint Strategic Survey Committee's Report accepts JIC plan as superior to Donovan's project

1945, February 9

Leak to the press of Donovan's plan and JIC plan

1945, April 5 - May 16

Donovan's exchanges of letters with departmental secretaries concerning proposed new intelligence agency

1945, May 25, 27

Wartime commanders reply to inquiry of house appropriations committee concerning use of OSS in Pacific

1945, August 25

Budget Bureau advises Donovan continuation of OSS unlikely

1945, Fall

State Department plan

1945, September 19

JCS revive their plan, send it to Secretaries of War and Navy

1945, September 20

End of OSS by Presidential order. Research and Analysis and Presentation Branches went to State Department, all other activities to War Department were Strategic Services Unit established

1945, September 20

Truman directs Byrnes to take lead in developing comprehensive foreign intelligence system, and to form interdepartmental group to make plans

1945, September 20

Budget Bureau plan for new intelligence organization

1945, September 20

Bureau of the Budget, Confidential Report on Intelligence and Security Activities of the Government

1945, October 16

Forrestal, Patterson, Byrnes meet; agree that any central intelligence agency should report to them rather than to the President

1945, October 22

Patterson (War) appoints Lovett Committee to recommend plan for Central Intelligence

1945, October 22

Eberstadt report published, including section on military intelligence

1945, October - December

State, War, Navy working committee formulates plan for permanent intelligence system

1945, November 3

Lovett committee reports

1945, November 11

William H. Jackson reports on British Intelligence System, and submits plan for permanent central intelligence organization

1945, November - December

State Department plan

1946, January 22

Souers took office January 22 as DCI. Left June 10, 1946

1946, January 22

President's directive establishes Central Intelligence Group

1946, February - March

Interdepartmental committee studies problem, recommends that Strategic Services Unit (SSU) should be partly liquidated, partly taken over by CIG

1946, February 5

NIA began February 5 and ceased to exist September 20, 1947

1946, February 5

First National Intelligence Authority (NIA) meeting

1946, February 8

National Intelligence Authority Directive #1: Policy and Procedures Governing the Central Intelligence Group (CIG)

1946, February 8

National Intelligence Authority Directive #2: Organization & Functions of the Central Intelligence Group (CIG)

1946, February 26

"White House Bill" for National Security Council and Central Intelligence Agency released to press. Bill for National Defense Establishment sent to Congress

1946, March 4

CIG Administrative Order organizing Central Reports Staff (CRS)

1946, March 4

Col. J. R. Lovell, Military Intelligence Service, proposes Defense Project to get all information on USSR

1946, March 30

NIA Directive #3: NIA Views on Proposed Executive Order "Directing the Cooperation of Government Agencies in the Coordination of Foreign Intelligence Activities of the United States"

1946, April 2

NIA Directive #4: Policy on Liquidation of SSU

1946, June 7

Souers' final report as DCI

1946, June 10

Vandenberg took office June 10 as DCI. Left May 1, 1947

1946, July 19

Office of Reports and Estimates (ORE) replaces Central Reports Staff (CRS)

1946, Summer - mid-October

Liquidation of SSU except for those personnel, [REDACTED] and foreign stations taken over by CIG

1946, July 8

NIA Directive #5: Functions of the DCI

1946, July 11

Galloway replaces Fortier as Assistant Director for Special Operations

1946, July 20

Vandenberg abolishes Central Planning Staff (CPS)

1946, July 20

Vandenberg establishes the Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff (ICAPS)

1946, July 26

NIA Directive #6: Provision for Coordinating the Acquisition of Foreign Publications

1946, July 27

Douglass-Jackson mission to London to report on British System and collection problems

1946, October 1

Establishment of contact control register and CIG field offices for foreign intelligence from domestic sources

1947, January 2

NIA Directive #7: Coordination of Collection Activities

1947, January 10

Vandenberg-Bush agreement for cooperation concerning scientific intelligence

1947, January 20

Wright becomes Executive and Deputy Director

1947, February 12

National Intelligence Authority defines concept of national intelligence

1947, February 12

Ninth meeting of the NIA. Vandenberg receives authority as "executive agent"

1947, February 12

NIA Directive #8: National Intelligence Requirements - China

1947, February 17

Hillenkoetter approved as Director by President and National Intelligence Authority

1947, February 18

Transfer of intelligence division of the Manhattan Engineer District to CIG

1947, March 28

Establishment of Nuclear Energy Group in the Scientific Branch of the Office of Reports and Estimates (ORE)

1947, April 18

NIA Directive #9: Coordination of Intelligence Activities, Related Foreign Atomic Developments and Potentialities

1947, May 1

Hillenkoetter took office May 1 as DCI. ^{of CIG} Left October 7, 1950

1947, June 26

Last meeting of National Intelligence Authority

1947, July 26

National Security Act becomes law

1947, July 26

Effective date of National Security Council

1947, July 30

NIA Directive #10: Employment of Reserve Officers as Agents

1947, September 16

NIA Directive #11: Action by the Intelligence Advisory Board on Matters Submitted to the NIA

1947, September 20

Hillenkoetter takes office as Director of Central Intelligence " / CIA

1947, September 26

First Meeting of National Security Council

1947, October 31

State Department withdraws its representative from Joint Intelligence Committee and Joint Intelligence Staff, considers Director of Central Intelligence and CIA the proper channel for joint action between State and the Joint Chiefs

1947, December 8

Meeting of Hillenkoetter with Forrestal, the Secretaries and their intelligence chiefs, State Department representative, and Souers. Forrestal backs Hillenkoetter in his concept of strong directorship

1947, December 12

National Security Council Intelligence Directive (NSCID) #1: Duties and Responsibilities

1947, December 12

NSCID #4: National Intelligence Objectives

1947, December 12

NSCID #5: Espionage and Counterespionage Operations


1947, December 12

NSCID #6: Foreign Wireless and Radio Monitoring

1947, December 17



1947, December 22

Hillenkoetter instructs Colonel Galloway, Assistant Director in the Office of Special Operations, to organize a "Foreign Information Branch." This became the Special Procedures Group: 

1948, January 13

Security Council establishes the Intelligence Survey Group (Dulles-Jackson-Correa Committee ("Dulles Group"))

1948, January 13

NSCID #2: Coordination of Collection Activities Abroad

1948, January 13

NSCID #3: Coordination of Intelligence Production

1948, February-March

Departmental statements of resistance to and/or cooperation with Dulles Group which, by terms of Souers' memorandum, was to examine departmental intelligence organizations

1948, February 5

DCI 4/1: National Intelligence Objectives

1948, February 9

Report on CIA to Hillenkoetter by Sherman Kent

1948, February 12

NSCID #7: Domestic Exploitation

1948, February 13

Souers memorandum to Dulles Group authorizing them to proceed with Survey of CIA

1948, March 5

Nuclear Energy Group transferred to the Office of Special Operations (CIA)

1948, March 5

Director of Central Intelligence Directive (DCI) #1/1: Procedures for the Intelligence Advisory Committee

1948, March 30

Pan-American Conference opens in Bogota

1948, April 9

Assassination of Jorge Gaitan in Bogota. Beginning of Bogota riots

1948, April 12

Hillenkoetter accepts Atomic Energy Commission plan for improving evaluation of foreign atomic energy intelligence

1948, May 3

Interim Report #1 by Dulles Group (problem of "cover")

1948, May 13

Interim Report #2 by Dulles Group (Secret Intelligence and Covert Operations)

1948, May 25

NSCID #8: Biographical Data on Foreign Scientific and Technological Personalities

1948, June - September

Eberstadt Committee Investigation of CIA: Hearings and Report

1948, June 18



1948, July 1

NSCID #9: Communications Intelligence

1948, July 8

DCI 3/1: Standard Operating Procedures for Departmental Participation in the Production and Coordination of National Intelligence

1948, September 1

Establishment of Office of Policy Coordination by CIA General Order, to conform with terms of NSC 10-2

1948, September 13

DCI 3/2: Policy Governing Departmental Concurrences in National Intelligence Reports and Estimates

1948, October 25

DCI 2/1: Implementation of Coordination of Collection Plan

1948, December 31

Establishment of Office of Scientific Intelligence

1949, January 1

Dulles Group Report appears

1949, January 18

NSCID #10: Collection of Foreign Scientific and Technological Data

1949, February 24 .

Atomic Energy Commission Comments on Dulles Report

1949, February 25

Army Comments on Dulles Report

1949, February 28

Hillenkoetter's "Comments" on Dulles Report sent to NSC

1949, March 1

Air Force Comments on Dulles Report

1949, March 3

Joint Chiefs of Staff Comments on Dulles Report

1949, March 4

Navy Comments on Dulles Report

1949, April 4

State Department Comments on Dulles Report

1949, June 20

CIA Act of 1949 becomes law

1949, July 1

McNarney Report submitted to National Security Council

1949, July 7

NSC decides that new Operations Division in CIA (merger of Office of Special Operations, Office of Policy Coordination, Contact Branch of Office of Operations) shall not include Foreign Broadcast Information Branch. Appoints McNarney to study and report on Dulles recommendation for "separate administration" within CIA for Operations Division

1949, July 7

NSC 50 (Security Council Adoption of Dulles Survey Group Recommendations as reconsidered and modified in McNarney Report)

1949, July 7

NSCID #1 (Revised): Duties and Responsibilities

1949, July 19

Reitzel Report to Babbitt (Assistant Director Office of Reports and Estimates): "Analysis of ORE Production, with Conclusions, First Report"

1949, July 22

McNarney reports, reaffirming "separate administration" idea

1949, August 2

"State's Four Papers" presented to Hillenkoetter. State believed the aspects of NSC 50 portrayed in these papers should be implemented at earliest feasible time. Titles: Coordination of Intelligence Activities; Production of National Intelligence; Research and Reports; Political Summaries

1949, August 4

NSC orders creation of proposed Operations Division with "separate administration"

1949, September 20

CIA General Order reorganizing CIA fiscal procedures to conform with "separate administration" idea. Operations Division plan never went into effect.

1949, October 1

Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff (ICAPS) renamed the Coordination, Operations and Policies Staff (COAPS), given more duties in CIA

1949, October 10

Hillenkoetter's first progress report to Security Council according to Council Directive of July 7, 1949

1949, October 28

Establishment of interdepartmental Scientific Intelligence Committee

1949, October 28

DCI 3/3: Scientific Intelligence

1949, December 27

Hillenkoetter's second progress report

1950, January 6

NSCID #11: Security of Information and Intelligence Sources and Methods


1950, January 6

7 NSCID #12: Avoidance of Publicity Concerning the Intelligence Agencies of the U. S. Government ?

1950, January 19

NSCID #1 (Revised): Duties and Responsibilities

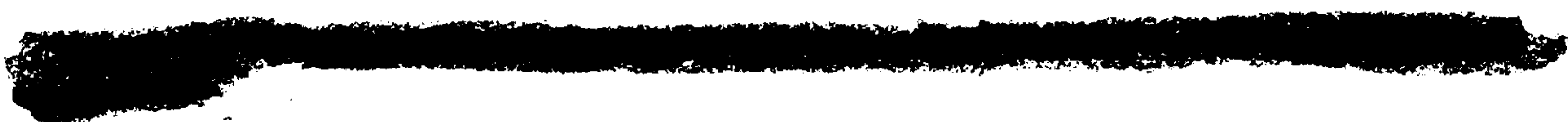
1950, January 19



1950, March 3

National Security Council adopts CCAPS recommendation for establishment of interdepartmental Economic Intelligence Committee

1950, March 3



1950, March 7

Stout Committee Report

1950, May 1

"Webb Staff Study," emphasizing major theme of "cooperation" in national estimating

1950, July 7

Hillenkoetter receives Webb Staff Study

1950, July 17

DCI 14/1: Establishment of Inter-Agency Defector Committee

1950, July 26

CIA reply to Webb Staff Study, proposing strengthening of CIA jurisdiction and powers concerning estimating

1950, August 15

Inter-Agency Operating Procedure #3: Non-governmental Visitors Interested in Intelligence Matters

1950, August 29

Houston memorandum to Smith describing CIA problems, making recommendations

1950, September 28

DCI 4/2: Priority List of Critical National Intelligence Objectives

1950, October 5

Houston, Pforzheimer, Wisner recommendations for Smith to Jackson for revision of NSC 10-2

1950, October 7

Smith took office October 7 as DCI. Left February 26, 1953

1950, October 10

Office of Reports and Estimates recommendations to Smith concerning estimates production problems

1950, October 20

Smith, with Security Council approval of October 12, informs Intelligence Advisory Committee that he will not create the Operations Division

1950, November 13

Establishment of the Office of National Estimates

1950, December 1

Establishment of Office of Research and Reports from research elements in old Office of Reports and Estimates

1950, December 13

Office of Intelligence Coordination (CIA) replaces COAPS

1951, January 11

Establishment of Office of Current Intelligence

1951, June 22

NSCID #15: (Corrected): Coordination and Production of Foreign Economic Intelligence. Establishes interdepartmental Economic Intelligence Committee

1953, February 26

Dulles took office February 26 as DCI

1953, March 7

NSCID #16: Foreign Language Publications