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to the
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
on
SLANDESTINE INTELLIGENCE (C)

The enclosed memorandum by the U.S. Representative to the North Atlantic Military Committee, USM-127-56, dated 31 December 1956, is referred hereby to the Joint Intelligence Committee for comment and recommendation.

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Joint Secretariat.

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
Military Committee Standing Group
North Atlantic Treaty Organization

USM-127-56
31 December 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Subject: Clandestine Intelligence (C)

References: a. SHAPE-V-27-56: FANDP. 2L52/2 SP of
16 November 1956*

b. SG 175/2 (Final)*

1. In reference a SACEUR has stated a belief that the intelligence received by SHAPE from national authorities during the recent period of tension was inadequate. He states that any re-examination of intelligence support to SHAPE should include the question of increasing and expediting the flow of clandestine intelligence.

2. In addition, SACEUR notes in reference a that there is no provision in reference b, the charter of the SHAPE Clandestine Planning Committee (CPC), which forbids the examination of peacetime clandestine activities. He specifically recommends that the SHAPE CPC be authorized to:

a. Examine SHAPE's urgent peacetime intelligence requirements.

b. Investigate ways in which the national clandestine services can contribute to an improvement of the flow of clandestine intelligence to SHAPE.

3. While there is nothing in reference b which clearly forbids the CPC examining the various clandestine intelligence activities, I believe that this would be an unwarranted extension of the CPC activities. It is my interpretation of reference b that the CPC was set up solely for the purpose of planning in peacetime the

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means by which SAGEUR's wartime clandestine operational requirements could be met. It would appear to me that any increase in the flow of intelligence to SHAPE, from whatever source, should be dealt with by normal intelligence agencies.

4. I request guidance on reference B. I recommend that you do not approve an extension of the scope of activity of the SHAPE CPG.

5. Copies of the references are available in the U.S. Central Registry, Extension 76432.

/s/ LEON W. JOHNSON
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