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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

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January 6, 1975

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

V.P. [unclear]

Dear Mr. President:

Today's paper states that you have formed a committee to investigate CIA activities.

In 1954, President Eisenhower appointed a similar committee, of which General Doolittle was Chairman, I was Vice Chairman, William D. Franke, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Hadley Morris, a New York attorney, were members.

Our Committee interviewed approximately 2,000 CIA employees and thoroughly investigated all of its covert activities, an effort which required four months. Our secret report to President Eisenhower might be useful to review.

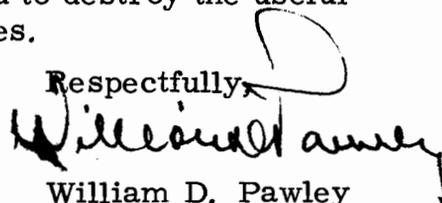
I strongly recommend that this present investigation be conducted in a manner similar to our committee and that every effort be made to try to persuade the Congressional committees to postpone their investigations and furnish them with the results of your committee's findings.

The leaks from Congressional committees are well known and documented. Our committee operated without any staff at all in order to avoid leaks that show up in all of these investigations where staff is included.

The effort being made by our enemies to have us "undress" our intelligence agencies in public will reveal activities that should be kept covert by their very nature and which can only result in damage to us while aiding our enemies.

This investigation is one of the most serious matters now being undertaken and it should not be permitted to destroy the usefulness of our essential intelligence agencies.

Respectfully,


William D. Pawley

'A CREDITABLE JOB' IS VERDICT ON C.I.A.

Doolittle Survey, However, Tells President of Areas That Need Improvement

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—The Central Intelligence Agency won "a creditable job" rating today from a special study group acting directly for President Eisenhower.

The group reported, however, that there were "important areas in which the C. I. A. organization, administration and operations can and should be improved."

The agency is aware of these problems and in many cases steps are being taken toward their solution, the group informed the President.

Heading the group was Lieut. Gen. James H. Doolittle. Other members were William D. Franke, Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Morris Hadley, New York attorney, and William D. Pawley, former Ambassador to Brazil.

The White House said the group had been asked by the President "to look at certain phases of the work of the C. I. A."

"The President feels that such periodic reviews are conducive to good government and serve to give him an independent appraisal of the sensitive aspects of the agency," the White House statement explained.

The Doolittle study, it was stated, "does not duplicate the work of the task force of the Hoover Commission under Gen. Mark W. Clark which is particularly studying the over-all organizational problems of the United States Intelligence services."

The group held what General Doolittle called its "first and final meeting" with the President today. Certain recommendations were made. These will not be made public, whether they are put into effect or not.

General Doolittle, through the White House, issued this statement in behalf of the study group:

"With respect to the Central Intelligence Agency in general we conclude: (a) that its placement in the over-all organization of the Government is proper; (b) that the laws under which it operates are adequate; (c) that the established provisions for its financial support are sufficiently flexible to meet its current operational needs; (d) that in spite of the limitations imposed by its relatively short life and rapid expansion it is doing a creditable job; (e) that it is gradually improving its capabilities, and (f) that it is exercising care to insure the loyalty of its personnel.

"There are, however, important areas in which the C. I. A. organization, administration and operations can and should be improved. The agency is aware of these problems and in many cases steps are being taken toward their solution. We are well aware of the tremendous problems facing the director and staff of an organization such as C. I. A. and appreciate the sincere efforts being made to solve them.

"In an attempt to be constructive and in the hope that we may be helpful, we have made certain recommendations to the President."

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 11, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Attached Letter from William D. Pawley

The attached letter was returned in the President's outbox with the request that it be forwarded for your information.


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