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## Letters between US Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence and The Surgeon General about Technical Service intelligence agencies, 1957

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27 April 1957

General S. B. Hays  
Surgeon General  
Department of the Army  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Hays:

My office has recently completed a preliminary study relative to the practicability of grouping the Technical Service Intelligence Agencies in the same general area. A copy of this study is inclosed herewith.

I am convinced that implementation of this proposed action would prove beneficial to the Army by enhancing the production of intelligence, both quantitatively and qualitatively. Specifically, it would:

- a. Permit optimum use of common facilities.
- b. Facilitate coordination and free exchange of intelligence information between the seven agencies.
- c. Increase the man-hours available for production of intelligence by reducing time lost due to travel between the agencies.
- d. Facilitate liaison between other members of the intelligence community and the Technical Service Intelligence Agencies.
- e. Permit establishment of a compartmented area within which the production of Army intelligence on certain highly specialized scientific or technical topics (e.g., guided missiles and nuclear developments) based on all, including sensitive, sources of information, could be centralized.

I wish to emphasize that implementation of this plan will not require a change in the organizational structure of your Service. It involves only a relocation of the intelligence elements of each Service.

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Anticipating the indorsement of this proposal by you and the chiefs of the other Technical Services, I have requested the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics to reserve 176,000 sq. ft. of office space in Arlington Hall for use by the Technical Service Intelligence Agencies. This amount of space should alleviate the acute requirement for additional space now confronting certain of the Technical Service Intelligence activities.

Request your concurrence in the proposed action to group all Technical Service Intelligence Agencies in Arlington Hall. An early reply will be appreciated.

(Sgd) Robert A. Schow

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Major General Robert A. Schow  
Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Schow:

Reference is made to your letter of 30 April 1957 concerning the proposed relocation of the Technical Service Intelligence Agencies from their current sites to Arlington Hall. Considerable preliminary study had already been undertaken in my office prior to the receipt of your letter and although implementation of the proposal will, from our viewpoint, involve a number of operational problems, none of them seems insurmountable.

In line with your assurance that the relocation would not require a change in the organizational structure of the Army Medical Service, I am assuming that the Medical Information and Intelligence Agency would continue to be maintained as a Class II Activity under my jurisdiction, as it is at present. Based upon these understandings and the belief that the advantages which would accrue to the Army as a whole will outweigh the disadvantages which would affect my office, I concur in the proposed action to group the Technical Service Intelligence Agencies in Arlington Hall.

Sincerely,

S. B. HAYS  
Major General  
The Surgeon General

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