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stances may change or judgments differ. New officials should be given the opportunity to review significant programs.

which their directives are implemented, particularly when the activities are sensitive, secret, and immune from public scrutiny.

(e) The Problems Connected with Creating New Covert Capabilities

(d) The Danger of "Floating Authorization"

The development of a new capability raises numerous problems. Having a capability to engage in certain covert ...

One justification advanced by Richard Helms and William Harvey for not informing John McCone about the use of underworld figures to assassinate Fidel Castro was their assertion that the project had already been approved by McCone's predecessor, Allen Dulles, and that further authorization was unnecessary, at least until the operation had reached a more advanced stage.

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Similarly, most of the actions taken in the Trujillo case during the early months of the Kennedy Administration were authorized by the Special Group on January 12, 1961, at the end of the Eisenhower Administration.

The idea that authority might continue from one administration or director to the next and that there is no duty to reaffirm authority with successors inhibits responsible decisionmaking. Circum-