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Administrative History Note:	<p>Under the provisions of the National Security Act of 1947 (61 Stat. 495), approved July 26, 1947, effective on September 18, 1947, the National Security Council (NSC) and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) were created. The 1947 Act charged the CIA with coordinating the nation's intelligence activities and correlating, evaluating, and disseminating intelligence which affected national security. In addition, the Agency was to perform other duties and functions related to intelligence as the NSC might direct. The Act defined the Director of Central Intelligence's (DCI) authority as head of the Intelligence Community, head of the CIA, and principal intelligence adviser to the President, and made him responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods. The act also prohibited the CIA from engaging in law enforcement activity and restricted its internal security functions. The CIA carried out its responsibilities subject to various directives and controls by the President and the NSC.</p> <p>In 1949, the Central Intelligence Agency Act was passed and supplemented the 1947 Act. The addendum permitted the Agency to use confidential fiscal and administrative procedures and exempted CIA from many of the usual limitations on the expenditure of Federal</p>

funds. It provided that CIA funds could be included in the budgets of other departments and then transferred to the Agency without regard to the restrictions placed on the initial appropriation. This Act was the statutory authority which allows for the secrecy of the Agency's budget.

In 1953, Congress amended the National Security Act to provide for the appointment of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence (DDCI) by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. This amendment also provided that commissioned officers of the armed forces, whether active or retired, could not occupy both DCI and DDCI positions at the same time. The DDCI assisted the Director by performing such functions as the DCI assigned or delegated. The DDCI acted for and exercised the powers of the Director during his absence or disability, or in the event of a vacancy in the position of the Director.

By Executive Order 12333 of December 4, 1981, the CIA gained independent agency status.

Congressional oversight existed to varying degrees throughout the CIA's existence. The CIA reported regularly to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, as required by the Intelligence Oversight Act of 1980 and various Executive Orders. The Agency also reported regularly to the Defense Subcommittees of the Appropriations Committees in both Houses of Congress. Moreover, the Agency provided substantive briefings to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Armed Services Committees in both bodies, as well as other committees and individual members.