

TAB B - Management Survey of ORE.

SUBJECT: CIA Situation Room

1. The responsibility for maintenance and operation of the CIA Situation Room is currently charged to the Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates. The detailed statement of functions is contained in paragraph 2 of the statement of functions of the Presentation Staff, ORE, approved by the Executive 6 September 1949, which is here quoted:

"2. Operates and maintains the Situation Room of CIA, providing an integrated national intelligence portrayal of selected areas of the world of particular interest as indicated by the Office of the Director. Such portrayal will be shown through the media of cartographic displays, graphic studies and charts, pictorial presentations, and audio-visual programs."

2. In order to provide an integrated situation room which will meet the needs of CIA and remain within the available personnel and space allocations, it is suggested that a plan substantially as indicated below be adopted.

3. Content of the CIA Situation Room.

a. Wall maps - large, area maps attached to the walls of the room and serving as over-all treatments of the indicated subjects.

(1) General Orientation on Future Developments.

(a) Expressed by edited summaries of CIA estimates graphically oriented to a world map.

(b) Expressed by graphic tie-in between adjacent "headline board" and this world map.

(2) USSR, Satellite and Peripheral Areas.

(a) Military (Army, Navy, Air, and Security).

1. Strengths, dispositions, installations and order of battle to army level within USSR.

2. Same for satellite areas.

3. Peripheral area countries' strength only.

(b) Political.

1. Administrative divisions and headquarters.

2. Such other related aspects as suggested by ORE, OPC and OSO.

- (c) Economic.
 - 1. Communications - land, air, water and telecommunications.
 - 2. Key natural resources.
 - 3. Industry (productive and potential).
 - 4. Commerce and utilities.
 - 5. Agriculture.

- (d) Scientific.
 - 1. Centers of research and development.
 - 2. Other related subjects as suggested by ONI.

- (e) Topographic.
 - 1. Terrain, generalized.
 - 2. Weather stations and meteorological data.

(3) Strategic Polar Map (North).

- (a) Scientific.
 - 1. Radar locations and scope.
 - 2. Other related subjects as suggested by ONI.

- (b) Military - Topographic.
 - 1. Weather stations and meteorological data.
 - 2. Military installations and strengths.

- (c) Political - Economic.
 - 1. Air distances and commercial airlines.
 - 2. Arctic rail and road facilities.
 - 3. Political spheres of influence.

(4) World Economic Map.

- (a) Industry.
- (b) Agriculture.
- (c) Key natural resources.

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- (d) Communication and commerce.
- (e) Other related subjects suggested by OSI and D/Ec, OES.
- (5) World Military Situation.
 - (a) Selected scientific data pertaining to military.
 - (b) Strengths, dispositions and installations.
- (6) World Political Review.

Expressed by graphic tie-in between adjacent "headline board" (containing edited summaries of CIA world reviews).

b. Other intelligence exhibits - maps, charts, graphs, and photographs constructed on bases up to 6 x 8 feet for display on sliding panels and three multiplexes in the room or for use in conferences of CIA components.

- (1) Current situation studies on areas or country basis.
 - (a) Major war areas.
 - (b) Critical areas affecting US security.
- (2) Specific studies of national intelligence illustrating:
 - (a) Trends.
 - (b) Current status.
 - (c) CIA Estimates.
 - (d) Items of Current Interest.
- (3) General orientation visual aids for use in conferences.

c. Supplementary Facilities. These items may be used separately, or in conjunction with any of the above listed exhibits. Examples of their use are listed with each facility.

- (1) Kalepticon viewer - to project special studies on a screen in conjunction with lecture or presentation.
- (2) 35mm slide viewer - same as (1).
- (3) 9' x 12' fixed blackboard - to trace small, special maps projected by kalepticon or slide viewer and used in conjunction with other exhibits.
- (4) 16mm sound motion picture projector.
- (5) Sound recording equipment.

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(6) Atlases, gazetteers, encyclopedias and finished intelligence productions of CIA and IAC agencies.

(7) Lap maps - folding work maps (30" x 40") for use in research, and capable of being stored in safes. Also for use as miniature supplemental studies to larger exhibits.

4. Assistant Directors and Staff Chiefs will furnish such assistance as is necessary to assure that the portion of the Situation Room pertaining to their particular function reflects the current thinking of that CIA component.

5. It will be noted, therefore, that this Situation Room provides an integration of national intelligence by:

a. The presentation of a particular aspect of the world situation with conclusions and emphasis indicated.

b. The exhibit of a number of related aspects of a particular situation to produce an evaluation or trend in a new media.

Concurrences:

Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates Date

Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination Date

Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence Date

Assistant Director for Special Operations Date

Assistant Director for Policy Coordination Date

Assistant Director for Operations Date

Chief, Inspection and Security Staff Date

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